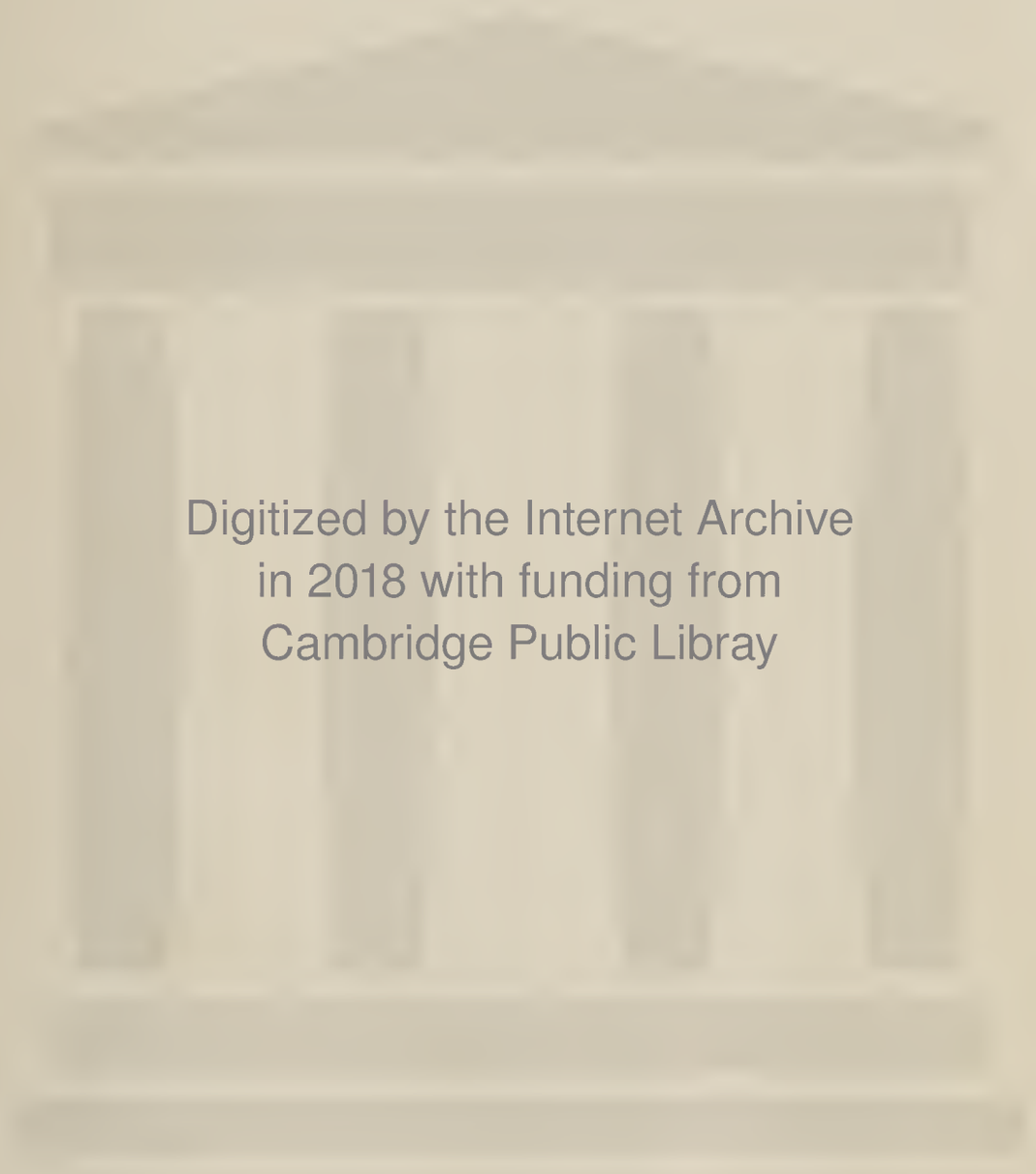

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# City of Cambridge.

THE

# MAYOR'S ADDRESS

AT THE

# ORGANIZATION OF THE CITY GOVERNMENT,

AND

# REPORTS

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Gentlemen of the City Council: —

In entering upon the duties of the various stations, which, by the favor of our fellow citizens, we have been called to occupy in our Municipal Government, it becomes my duty as the chief executive officer, to communicate to you such information, and to recommend such measures, as the interest of the city shall in my judgment require.

The amount of the city debt, March 1st, 1855, was $146,600.00. During the past year, $12,500.00 of that amount has been paid, leaving the amount of the debt on the first day of December $134,100.00.

The estimated value of the city property on the first day of December, was $225,123.33.

Of the present city debt, the sum of $9,900 will become due during the present year, and I would recommend that an appropriation be made for that purpose.

The amount of money appropriated for city purposes at the commencement of the last year, was $116,679.00. In consequence of a change of the financial year, specific appropriations were made for nine months only, and the balance, amounting to $17,954.00, was set apart as a reserve fund.

The amount of expenditures for city purposes for the nine months ending December 1st, was $99,722.67, leaving a balance unexpended of the reserved fund of $17,256.33.

## PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

The amount appropriated for instruction in the public schools for the past nine months, was $21,000 — equal to 28,000 per annum — which sum was found to be amply sufficient.

I am informed that no material increase of appropriation, if any, will be required the present year.

In a popular government, like our own, where the people themselves make the laws, and regulate and control the whole machinery of government, universal education is of the highest importance.

Under our wise system of laws, the duty of educating the children of the Commonwealth, is not a parental, but a governmental duty.

True, the parent is required by law, to send his child to school a certain number of weeks in each year, but the duty of erecting school houses, establishing schools, and of providing for their support, rests not upon the parent, but upon the government.

And that the blessings of education may be enjoyed by every child in the community, however humble his condition, it is wisely provided that the expenses of our common schools shall be borne, not by the individuals, but by the property of the community.

This system of popular education, established by our Puritan fathers, and cherished and matured by those who have preceded us, lies at the very foundation of our individual happiness, religious freedom, and national prosperity.

If we would secure for ourselves and our children those happy influences, which can only be realized when surrounded by a virtuous, intelligent, well-ordered community, we must educate the people.

If we would eradicate from our midst, the seeds of religious bigotry, superstition, and intolerance, and secure for ourselves and our posterity, the highest degree of religious freedom, — freedom to worship God according to the dictates of an enlightened conscience — we must educate the people.

If we would strengthen and perpetuate the principles of self-

government, and transmit undiminished the blessings of our free institutions to future generations, we must educate the people.

Nowhere has our system of common school instruction been more highly prized, or more liberally supported than in our own city. Our schools have for many years held a high rank amongst the best in the Commonwealth, and I am confident that at no time have they stood higher, or been in a more prosperous condition, than at the present.

The amount annually appropriated for educational purposes averages more than one-third of the whole current expenses of the city. Yet, large as this expenditure is, it has always been cheerfully met by our fellow citizens.

But let us not suppose that the present prosperous condition of our schools is the result of mere dollars and cents. Far from it. Money may be appropriated, ever so liberally, without producing any satisfactory results. Without the appropriation of money you can have no schools. With the most liberal appropriation, you can never secure a high character for your schools, without wise management on the part of those to whose superintendence they are intrusted.

Great credit is therefore due to those who have had the care and superintendence of this important interest, for the fidelity with which they have discharged this most difficult and important duty.

The last City Council secured a lot and issued proposals for the erection of a first class school house at North Cambridge, but in consequence of a misunderstanding no contract was completed for the erection of the house. The want of better school accommodations in that part of the city has been felt for several years, and cannot, I think, in justice to that portion of our fellow citizens, be longer delayed. The duty of erecting the house, and of providing for the expense, will devolve upon the present City Council, and I have no doubt will be promptly met.

There is also a pressing want of better school accommodations in that part of Ward Two lying north of Main Street, and east of Columbia Street. This subject was presented by the School Committee, in their report in 1853, as a growing, rather than as an immediate want, and again in 1854 as one which could not properly

be long delayed. The present houses in that district are not of sufficient capacity to furnish accommodations for the large number of scholars in that immediate vicinity, and the Boardman school house is wholly unsuited to secure the comfort, or preserve the health of the children.

Urgent as this case is, I would not however recommend the erection of a house the present season, as I should deem it unwise for the city to incur the expense of erecting two such houses as will be required in a single year.

But I would suggest the propriety of the present government's making such preliminary arrangements, as shall enable the next City Council to enter upon the work at the earliest practicable moment, and thus secure the best part of the season for its erection.

## ROADS AND SIDEWALKS.

The amount expended for repairs of Roads and Sidewalks during the past nine months, was $10,914.95.

This is the second largest outlay of the city, and when we consider that we have at the present time more than one hundred miles of streets within the limits of the city, that we are situated in the midst of a rapidly increasing population, and that the increase of travel and consequent increase of wear of our streets will be about in proportion to the increase of population, it requires no prophetic vision to foresee that the expenses of this department must be constantly increasing.

Again, suitable gravel for repairing the streets can no longer be procured, but by an increased expense. The gravel bank in Ward Two, where we have been enabled to obtain an abundant supply for many years, is exhausted, and we are compelled to resort to some other source for our future accommodation. But whatever the increased expense may be, we must meet it, or subject ourselves to still greater expense. The law is imperative. We must at all times keep our streets in a condition to ensure safety to the public travel, or we must pay the penalty of our neglect. And that penalty is seldom a light one, for as corporations are supposed to have no souls, juries rarely consider them entitled to mercy.

No question will be presented for your consideration of greater

importance in a pecuniary point of view, than that of procuring proper gravel for the repairs of our streets. It is a question to which the late City Council gave much attention, without however arriving at any practicable result. Much of the expense of maintaining our streets hereafter will consist in the cost of transportation, and that expense will be lessened or increased, by the quality of the material used, as the better the quality the less the quantity required, and consequently the less the cost of transportation. It is very difficult to find a material that will sustain the heavy travel upon our great thoroughfares, for any considerable length of time, and it is of the highest importance, that the right material should be secured, if it can be had within a proper distance and at a reasonable cost. This subject will claim your earliest attention.

Aside from the ordinary expense of repairing the streets, there will be a large item for extraordinary expenses, which properly belong under this head of appropriation to be provided for the present year.

In consequence of the construction of the railroad through our streets, the late City Council found it necessary to widen a portion of Brattle Street, and that part of Harvard Street lying opposite the College grounds, to afford proper accommodation to the public travel. A portion of Mt. Auburn, Norfolk, and Inman Streets, have also been widened. The gross amount of land damages awarded by the City Council in these several cases, is $3,742.00.

Arrangements have also been made with the Hancock Free Bridge Corporation to widen the causeway fifteen feet, from the Car Factory to the Little Bridge, at an estimated expense of $5,000, one-half of which is to be paid by the city.

All these extraordinary expenses fall properly within the present financial year, and must be provided for by the present City Council.

Although the expense which the city has been called upon to incur, for improvements rendered necessary in consequence of the construction of the railroad, is considerable, I believe the late City Council consulted the best interest of the city in deciding to make those improvements, and that we shall annually be deriving some benefit from the outlay, and that eventually the city will be fully reimbursed.

The railroad corporation have paved the centre of the streets through which their road passes from West Boston Bridge to Mt. Auburn about seventeen feet in width, and are bound to maintain that portion of those streets free of expense to the city. This, together with the withdrawal of the heavy coaches from those streets, must materially reduce the expense for their future maintenance.

And when the time shall arrive that it shall be deemed to be for the interest of the city to pave Main Street, the saving will be much greater, than any expense we are now called upon to incur.

### REPAIRS OF BRIDGES.

The expenditures for bridges has been unusually large the past year. In addition to the ordinary repairs, the bridge over Miller's River has been rebuilt in a very thorough and substantial manner, at an expense of about $4,300. The Little Bridge on Main Street, belonging partly to the city, and partly to the Hancock Free Bridge Corporation, has been removed, and a solid structure thrown across the creek at a cost of about $8,000, one-half of which is to be paid by the city. Of the expenses thus incurred, about $1,300 was for labor performed by our road help, and charged to the appropriation for roads. Of the balance, the sum of $4,646.07, was paid prior to Dec. 1st, leaving a balance of about $2,400, to be provided for during the present financial year.

I am not aware that any extraordinary outlay will be required upon our bridges during the present season.

### RESERVOIRS AND DRAINS.

The amount expended for reservoirs and drains, was $5,766.24. This is about the average annual expenditure for that purpose. When the system of drainage was first commenced by our city, it was evident that a large outlay would eventually be required, and that it must be a work of time. The City Government therefore decided to appropriate a specific amount annually for the gradual progress of the work, and to expend the money thus appropriated, where in their judgment it was most required. That the expenses might be borne in proportion to the benefits received, it was provided by ordinance that the Mayor and Aldermen, in making assessments to defray the expense, shall deduct such part as they may

deem expedient to be charged to, and paid by the city, and assess the remainder thereof upon the persons and estates deriving benefit therefrom. Acting under this ordinance, it has been customary to deduct one-fourth part of the expenses, as the proportion to be charged to the city. As abatements are sometimes made, the proportion actually borne by the city, is about one-third.

I find the expense of constructing drains from 1850 to 1854, inclusive, a period of five years, to have been $27,812.71. The amount already paid into the treasury by individuals, is $17,-770.86, leaving the sum of 10,041.85, as the amount borne by the city. I recommend the usual appropriation for the advancement of this work the present year.

During the past year considerable progress has been made with the Water Works, and it is expected they will be completed, and the water distributed through the city as early as the month of May.

By the terms of the contract under which the city agreed to loan its credit to that corporation, the city have the right to establish as many hydrants as they shall deem proper, and to use the water in cases of fire, free of expense. This will obviate the necessity of any further expense for reservoirs in those streets through which the water pipes are laid. No part of these hydrants have yet been put in, though a portion of them have been located, and that duty will devolve upon the present City Council. I would therefore recommend an appropriation for that purpose.

## LIGHTING STREETS.

The lighting of streets is another important public improvement, carried forward partly at private expense. The citizens are required to furnish the lamps and posts at their own expense; they are then lighted at the expense of the city. The City Government, however, reserves to itself the right of determining the question of public necessity, and of establishing no more lamps to be maintained at the expense of the city, than the public convenience may require.

The expense for lighting streets the last nine months was $2,123.52. The number of lamps maintained at the expense of

the city is, about two hundred, about thirty of which were established during the last year.

The call for additional lamps, will, no doubt, continue from year to year, until all our principal streets are supplied, and the expense must necessarily increase in proportion.

## POLICE AND WATCH.

The amount expended for police and watch the last nine months, was $4,600, equal to $6,133 per annum. Whether this increasing expenditure can be reduced is a question well worthy of your serious consideration.

An efficient police is of the highest importance. It is the right arm of the City Government, and upon it the citizens rely for security, both of life and property. It is the power upon which we rely to preserve order, to protect the rights and property of the citizens, and to ensure a faithful observance of the laws of the Commonwealth, and the ordinances of the city. Properly considered, it is one of the most important departments of the government.

Our police organization has undergone repeated changes since the establishment of our City Government, which has no doubt greatly retarded its usefulness and efficiency. The people, in their city charter, provided for the establishment of the office of City Marshal, and the charter gives to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen "the exclusive power to appoint a City Marshal and assistants, a constable or constables, and all other police officers, and to remove the same from office for sufficient cause," showing plainly what kind of police organization the people contemplated and desired, and, in my judgment, as clearly establishing the office of City Marshal, as one of the permanent offices under the charter, as that of Mayor or Alderman.

In accordance with this provision of the charter, an ordinance was established in 1846, the first year of the City Government, providing for the appointment and prescribing the duties of City Marshal and Deputies.

This ordinance remained in force until 1851, a period of five years, when it was repealed, and an ordinance was adopted providing for the appointment of three Principal Constables,—one in each

Ward — which constables were to perform all the duties before required to be performed by the City or Deputy Marshals.

This experiment failed to give satisfaction to the City Government, and I think I may safely add, to the people, and the ordinance was repealed in 1853, and the office of City Marshal re-established in conformity with the requirements of the city charter.

The office of City Marshal was again abolished in 1854, and the present system, substantially the same as that of 1851, was adopted. Thus has our organization been changed no less than three times in the short period of four years.

It would not be strange, therefore, if our police department should be found to be less efficient than the City Government could desire, or than the people, by whom the burden of supporting the government is borne, have a right to demand.

All this may prove true, without any fault on the part of the officers themselves, but as the legitimate result of the constant changes that have been made, and of the abandonment of the wise organization contemplated by the charter.

I have no doubt the change was made from a sincere desire to promote the best interest of the city; but, like many other experiments, it has failed to satisfy the wants of the people, if not to meet the anticipations of its friends.

What is wanting, is a *proper system* and a *responsible head.* You might as well attempt to conduct the affairs of an important railroad or manufacturing corporation without a proper system or a responsible head, as that of a police department. I am not aware that any city in the Commonwealth is now without a City Marshal, as the responsible head of its police; and I have no confidence that Cambridge will ever have a police department that will give satisfaction either to the City Government or to the people, until the same system is re-established here. I recommend this subject to your earliest consideration.

## POLICE COURT.

Our Police Court under the wise administration of its able Chief Justice, has fulfilled the highest anticipations of its advocates, in securing to our fellow citizens, an equal, firm, and independent administration of justice. It was apprehended by many, that it

would be attended with too great an expense to the city to warrant its establishment. But the history of its yet brief existence is sufficient to quiet those apprehensions, and to prove, that so far from being an expense to the city, it is actually a source of revenue.

The amount of costs accruing to the city from the business of that court, for the twelve months ending December 1st, 1855, was $2,462.40.

The expense of maintaining the court, including the Justices' salary, rent, and care of house, together with all other incidental expenses, amounted to $1,430.00, leaving a balance of net income to the city of $1,032.40.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The amount paid for the Fire Department, was $5,787.80. This amount, I am informed, does not represent the actual expense of the department. The members receive their pay for services once in six months, and the principal part of these bills fall due in the months of July and January, consequently but one payment was made for services after the present rate of compensation was established. I gather from the appropriation made by the last City Council, that they estimated the expense at about $13,000 per annum. What the actual cost will be, cannot be determined until the bills for the entire year have all been rendered.

It gives me great pleasure to be informed that the department is well organized, and in the best possible condition for prompt and efficient service. No one appreciates more highly than I do the importance of a well regulated, efficient fire department, or the value of their services.

The calls for their services are frequent, their exertions great, the duties arduous,—sometimes perilous,—and when those duties are faithfully performed, they merit not only the aid of the government, but the countenance and encouragement of every good citizen.

During the past year the department has been reorganized under an ordinance passed Dec. 26th, 1854, the general provisions of which, I am informed, meet the entire approbation not only of the engineers, but of the department generally. This ordinance pro-

vides, and I think wisely, that the compensation for services shall be paid, not as heretofore to the companies, but to the individual members by whom the service is performed. I recommend that appropriation be made for compensation for services as now established.

## ALMSHOUSE.

The amount drawn from the treasury for the support of the Almshouse establishment, was $3,983.60. The amount received into the treasury from the same source, was $3,020.00, leaving an excess of expenditures over the receipts, of $963.60.

If we estimate the value of the labor performed in quarrying and preparing stone for the use of the city, we shall probably find that the city is nearly, if not fully reimbursed for all the expenses incurred in this department, except for the interest upon the cost of the establishment.

A more detailed statement will be given you in the report of the Overseers.

The present house is much larger than is required for the accommodation of our limited number of paupers, and I would recommend that it be sold, should a favorable opportunity offer; reserving the quarry, the fishing rights, and such portion of the land as the interests of the city may require.

## CEMETERY GROUNDS.

Considerable improvement has been made in the Cemetery grounds during the past year. The Report of the Commissioners will be laid before you during the present month, giving a statement of their doings, together with a detailed account of the receipts and expenditures for the same.

The Treasurer's account shows that the amount drawn from the treasury under the appropriation for Burial Grounds, during the nine months, was $5,619.06, nearly all of which was for the Cemetery. The receipts into the treasury for lots sold, and for grading, burial fees, and grass, during the same time, amounted to $6,065.85, being $446.79, more than the whole expense incurred for burial ground purposes.

It is presumed that the receipts the present year, will be sufficient to cover any outlay which the city may be called upon to make.

I have thus noticed, in detail, most of the important interests of the city; but there are many others of less importance which will also claim your attention. In a city like our own, where most of the important public improvements are yet in their infancy, it requires the constant exercise of sound judgment to determine how far those improvements can, with propriety, be carried in a single year; as it would not be the part of wisdom to increase the public expenses faster than the increased ability of the people to meet them.

The citizens of Cambridge will always sanction a liberal policy, but they will demand that it be a liberality tempered by prudence, and controlled by the most rigid economy.

Besides those duties which devolve upon the two branches of the City Government, there are others, of great importance, which devolve exclusively upon the Mayor.

The city charter provides that "he shall be the chief executive officer of the city," and "that he shall cause the laws and regulations of the city to be executed and enforced."

Whatever may be his individual opinions, therefore, it is not for him, in his official capacity, to assume to determine whether a law of the Commonwealth, or an ordinance of the city be wise or unwise, just or unjust. Nor can his fellow citizens look to him, to be relieved of any of the burdens or responsibilities which the laws impose. It is sufficient for him to ascertain what the laws are, and faithfully and fearlessly to discharge whatever of duty they may impose upon him. Here, the individual is sunk in the officer, and private opinion must yield to public duty. In the discharge of these duties, he is entitled not only to the aid of the Government, but to the countenance and support of every good citizen.

Gentlemen, our fellow citizens have placed in our hands, an important trust. This signal mark of their confidence, is an honor of which any citizen might well be proud. But the honor arising from occupying the positions assigned to us, has yet to be secured by our own individual efforts, and will be just in proportion to the fidelity with which we discharge the trust committed to our hands.

Let us not forget, in this Babel-like confusion of political parties, that we are the servants, not of party, but of the people. Here, party should never enter.

Governments are not established, statutes and ordinances are not enacted, nor should the laws be administered for the benefit of party; and in the discharge of our official duties, we should recognize nothing short of the people, "the whole people."

JOHN SARGENT.

*Cambridge, Jan.* 7, 1856.

# REPORT

OF THE

## COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

THE Joint Standing Committee on Finance, in accordance with the requirements of the City Ordinance "establishing a system of accountability in the expenditures of the City," respectfully submit their

# REPORT

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 1, 1855.

The Committee have prepared and herewith submit a statement of all the receipts and expenditures for the year; giving in detail the amount of appropriations and expenditures in each department.

They have examined the accounts of the Treasurer, with his books and vouchers, and also those of the Auditor, by a sub-committee, whose report is hereto annexed. They have by another sub-committee prepared a schedule of the property of the City, both personal and real, and have given an estimate of its value, with the exception of the Burial Grounds, and public commons. They also subjoin a statement of the debts due the city and of the City debt.

The City debt on the first day of March last, it will be seen, was $146,600; the debt on the first day of December was $134,100, showing a reduction during the last nine months of $12,500. Owing to a change in the financial year, this report only extends over a term of nine months, from the first of March to the first of

December. There have been no extraordinary expenses during the last year, except for widening and extending streets, and for filling up the bridge over Miller's River at East Cambridge, and the Little Bridge — so called — at the junction of Harvard and Main streets.

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| The debts due the city, amount to - - - | $25,120 58 |
| The tax assessed for city purposes, was - - | 110,941 70 |
| The County tax was - - - - - | 10,137 72 |
| The State tax was - - - - - - | 7,785 00 |
| Total tax assessed, - - - - - | $128,864 42 |
| Of the foregoing amount there has been collected and paid into the treasury, - - - - | 102,577 61 |
| Abated, - - - - - - - - - | 3,423 82 |
| Discounted, - - - - - - - - | 4,177 06 |
| Leaving a balance to be collected - - | 18,685 93 |
| | $128,864 42 |
| Of the taxes due for preceding years, there have been collected, - - - - - - | $229 00 |
| Leaving a balance to be collected - - | 1,167 77 |

The Valuation of Estates, real and personal, as taken from the Assessors' books, was as follows:

| | Polls. | Real Estate. | Personal Estate. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Ward I. | 1153 | $4,032,850 | $2,711,150 |
| " II. | 1862 | 4,133,300 | 1,996,400 |
| " III. | 1262 | 2,456,600 | 781,400 |
| Total Real, | | $10,622,750 | 5,488,950 |
| " Personal, | | 5,488,950 | |
| Total Valuation, | | $16,111,700 | |

The rate of assessment was $7.60 on $1,000, from which sum should be deducted the four per cent. allowed on all taxes paid on or before the tenth of October.

The amount of Receipts and Expenditures for the year stand thus:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Receipts from taxes, | - - - | $103,002 | 49 |
| " " | Drain tax, - - | 1,703 | 20 |
| " " | Dog tax, - - | 78 | 00 |
| " " | Hay Scales, - - - | 469 | 60 |
| " " | Bridge account, - | 25 | 99 |
| " " | Sales of Lots in Cemetery, | 5,603 | 35 |
| " " | Notes and Interest, - | 4,233 | 07 |
| " " | Warden of Almshouse | 3,020 | 00 |
| " " | Sundry loans, - - | 58,000 | 00 |
| " " | John S. Ladd, Police Court fines, - - - | 455 | 20 |
| " " | John S. Ladd, Police Court costs, - - - | 428 | 20 |
| " " | Burial Fee, - - - | 394 | 50 |
| " " | W. A. Stone & H. H. Eames, for grass, - - - | 66 | 00 |
| " " | W. W. Wellington, old school chairs, - - | 15 | 00 |
| " " | Merchants Insurance Company, - - - | 54 | 69 |
| " " | Hopkins School Fund, | 300 | 00 |
| " " | L. R. Paige, old safe, - | 30 | 00 |
| " " | Liquor Agents, - - | 801 | 96 |
| " " | Samuel Slocomb, Treasurer, | 3,749 | 63 |
| Amount reported by Treasurer, - - - | | $182,430 | 88 |

The aggregate expenditures for city purposes:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cash paid Cambridge City Bank, - | 57,500 | 00 |
| Lechmere Bank, - - - - - | 13,000 | 00 |
| Part of County tax, - - - | 6,000 | 00 |
| Interest and Discount, - - - | 6,162 | 57 |
| Amount carried forward, | $82,662 | 57 |

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|---|---|---|
| Amount brought forward, | | $82,662 57 |
| Orders drawn by the Mayor, - - | | 80,311 24 |
| Sundry small bills, - - - - | | 67 00 |
| | $163,040 81 | |
| Balance in the hands of Treasurer, | $19,390 17 | |
| | | $182,430 98 |

The foregoing report is respectfully submitted in behalf of the Committee on Finance.

ZEBINA L. RAYMOND.
JAS. G. HOVEY.
A. A. GRIFFING.

*Cambridge, Dec.* 31, 1855.

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In Common Council, Jan. 3, 1856.

Accepted and sent up for concurrence.

ANSON J. STONE, *Clerk.*

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In Board of Aldermen, Jan. 3, 1856.

Concurred.

HENRY THAYER, *City Clerk.*

# CITY OF CAMBRIDGE.

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In Committee on Finance, Dec. 31, 1855.

The Sub-Committee, appointed by the Committee on Finance, to examine the accounts of the City Auditor and City Treasurer for the financial year commencing on the first day of March and ending on the first day of December, 1855; and also to examine the notes and other securities in the hands of the Treasurer, have attended to the required duty, and make the following

## REPORT:

Your Committee find that the accounts of both these officers have been accurately kept, in a manner clear and concise, and in a form easy for reference.

The Treasurer has satisfactory vouchers for all payments made by him, and your Committee submit a schedule of said payments arranged under their appropriate heads. They also submit a schedule of notes and accounts due to the city, and of the city debt, together with a copy of the Treasurer's account, which shows a balance in his hands of $19,389 99-100 — nineteen thousand three hundred and eighty-nine dollars and ninety-nine cents.

All which is respectfully submitted.

ALANSON BIGELOW,
JAS. G. HOVEY,
WILLIAM HUNNEWELL,
} *Sub-Committee.*

# SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING DEC. 1, 1855.

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**For Instruction of Public Schools.**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| High School. | Elbridge Smith, services, | | $1,250.00 | |
| | William J. Potter, | " | 675.00 | |
| | Joseph C. Barrett, | " | 225.00 | |
| | Solon Albee, | " | 200.00 | |
| | F. L. E. Hastings, | " | 345.50 | |
| | Mary F. Peirce, | " | 300.00 | |
| | M. E. Kittredge, | " | 250.00 | |
| | | | | 3,245.50 |
| Ward 1. | Daniel Mansfield, | " | 900.00 | |
| | William H. Ladd, | " | 900.00 | |
| | A. M. Ireson, | " | 243.75 | |
| | S. E. Wiggin, | " | 243.75 | |
| | C. E. Downes, | " | 243.75 | |
| | R. C. Haskell, | " | 243.75 | |
| | Eliza Gould, | " | 225.00 | |
| | M. S. Gould, | " | 225.00 | |
| | A. E. Boynton, | " | 225.00 | |
| | Rutharia Bates, | " | 225.00 | |
| | C. E. Metcalf, | " | 168.75 | |
| | Anne E. Ladd, | " | 150.00 | |
| | H. M. Miller, | " | 131.25 | |
| | M. S. Thayer, | " | 112.50 | |
| | | | | 4,237.50 |
| Amount carried forward, | | | | $7,483.00 |

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| Amount brought forward, | | | | $7,483.00 |
| Ward 2. | A. B. Magoun, | services, | 900.00 | |
| | A. C. Smith, | " | 900.00 | |
| | B. W. Roberts, | " | 900,00 | |
| | Helen Clapp, | " | 243.75 | |
| | Lucretia Clapp, | " | 243.75 | |
| | M. M. Damon, | " | 243.75 | |
| | E. R. Brackett, | " | 243.75 | |
| | M. A. Gregory, | " | 243.75 | |
| | E. A. Lewis, | " | 243.75 | |
| | M. E. Rice, | " | 243.75 | |
| | A. H. Hill, | " | 240.62 | |
| | C. Richardson, | " | 231.25 | |
| | Jane Dallinger, | " | 225.00 | |
| | M. A. Tarbell, | " | 225.00 | |
| | M. M. Jones, | " | 225.00 | |
| | L. C. Bancroft, | " | 225.00 | |
| | Susan Dimond, | " | 225.00 | |
| | H. A. Dodge, | " | 225.00 | |
| | S. J. A. Davis, | " | 225.00 | |
| | Ann Lewis, | " | 225.00 | |
| | S. Sparrow, | " | 209.37 | |
| | A. E. Hale, | " | 168.75 | |
| | M. E. Sawyer, | " | 168.75 | |
| | J. A. Russell, | " | 165.62 | |
| | P. T. Davis, | " | 131.25 | |
| | M. E. Pear, | " | 131.25 | |
| | M. H. Clarence, | " | 131.25 | |
| | S. F. Kelley, | " | 93.75 | |
| | Sophia Studley, | " | 40.62 | |
| | S. A. Sparrow, | " | 10.94 | |
| | S. M. Cochran, | " | 10.94 | |
| | | | | 7,940.61 |
| Ward 3. | Nathan K. Noble, | " | 900.00 | |
| | Francis Cogswell, | " | 816.00 | |
| Amounts carried forward, | | | $1,716.00 | $15,423.61 |

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| Amounts brought forward, | | | $1,716.00 | $15,423.61 |
| | S. M. Burnham, | services, | 243.75 | |
| | E. A. West, | " | 243.75 | |
| | S. C. Henshaw, | " | 243.75 | |
| | M. E. Jewett, | " | 243.75 | |
| | E. R. Spalding, | " | 225.00 | |
| | M. H. Butler, | " | 225.00 | |
| | E. R. Hyde, | " | 225.00 | |
| | M. E. Hastings, | " | 225.00 | |
| | M. G. Robie, | " | 225.00 | |
| | A. S. Stewart, | " | 212.50 | |
| | H. T. Clarke, | " | 150.00 | |
| | M. A. Mansfield, | " | 143.75 | |
| | O. L. Olmstead, | " | 112.50 | |
| | M. J. Kenney, | " | 75.00 | |
| | H. W. Holt, | " | 75.00 | |
| | B. A. Dustin, | " | 69.50 | |
| | H. N. McCurdy, | " | 68.75 | |
| | M. A. Smith, | " | 40.62 | |
| | | | | 4,763.62 |
| Music. | Nathan Lincoln, | " | 600.00 | |
| | | | | 600.00 |
| | | | | $20,787.23 |

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| Appropriation, | 21,000.00 | |
| Amount of expenses, | 20,787.23 | |
| Balance unexpended, | 212.77 | |

**For Repairs of School-houses.**

HIGH SCHOOL.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| H. & F. Stimpson, repairs of furnace, | 30.15 | |
| | | 30.15 |
| Amount carried forward, | | $30.15 |

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| Amount brought forward, | | $80.15 |

WARD ONE.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| George G. Rice, repairs, | 31.40 | |
| John Chamberlin, " | 16.53 | |
| Wm. W. Russell, " | 10.37 | |
| H. & F. Stimpson, " of furnaces, | 6.05 | |
| Robert Howe, slating, | 12.94 | |
| J. B. Kent, truckage, | 50 | |
| | | 77 79 |

WARD TWO.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Rufus Lamson, repairs, | 55.64 | |
| Simon P. Clark, " | 44.71 | |
| Isaac Cutler, " | 5.00 | |
| H. & F. Stimpson, " of furnaces, | 15.67 | |
| James Boardman, painting, | 35.42 | |
| Calvin Perry, whitewashing, | 6.50 | |
| Robert Howe, Slating, | 10.76 | |
| | | 173.70 |

WARD THREE.

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|---|---|---|
| Ozias Clark, repairs, | 437.60 | |
| Henry Noyes, " | 30.00 | |
| H. & F. Stimpson, " of furnaces, | 262.00 | |
| Ebenezer T. Tufts, painting, | 58.85 | |
| Allen & O'Brien, plastering, | 47.50 | |
| W. G. Shattuck, furniture, | 246.75 | |
| | | 1,082.70 |
| | | 1,364.34 |

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| Appropriation, | 1,000.00 | |
| Additional do. | 375.00 | |
| | | 1,375.00 |
| Amount of expenses, | | 1,364.34 |
| Balance unexpended, | | 10.66 |

## Care, &c. of School Houses.

HIGH SCHOOL.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Hollis Danforth, care of house, fires, &c. | 63.75 | |
| Mather Hayward, petty repairs, | 17.99 | |
| Hollis Danforth, labor, | 95 | |
| J. Munroe & Co., books and stationery, | 12.00 | |
| John Ford, printing, | 39.62 | |
| Metcalf & Co., " | 3.00 | |
| | | 137.31 |

WARD ONE.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Joseph Brackett, care of house, fires, &c., | 112.50 | |
| Michael Lynes, " " " | 37.50 | |
| Robert Henderson, " " " | 25.00 | |
| James Munroe & Co., books & stationery, | 44.11 | |
| Aaron R. Gay, " " | 3.00 | |
| N. D. Cotton, " | 1.00 | |
| Ide & Dutton, maps, | 20.00 | |
| Henry Hayes, census of scholars, | 25.00 | |
| Whitney & Brackett, furniture, | 23.83 | |
| Margaret Sears, cleaning, | 14 00 | |
| Jos. Brackett, " | 10.00 | |
| Mary Casey, " | 9.75 | |
| Eliza McFarland, " | 7.50 | |
| Geo. W. Lewis, " windows, | 10.20 | |
| Michael Lynes, labor, | 2.50 | |
| | | 345.89 |

WARD TWO.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Hollis Danforth, care of houses, fires, &c. | 439.00 | |
| Mather Hayward, petty repairs, | 3.50 | |
| L. C. Swett, repairs of furniture, | 3.50 | |
| J. F. Scanlan, " clocks, | 2.50 | |
| Daniel Gunnison, glazing, | 8.67 | |
| John Hackett, whitewashing, | 1.50 | |
| W. G. Shattuck, furniture, | 288.65 | |
| Stephen Smith, " | 41.00 | |
| Amounts carried forward, | $788.32 | $483.20 |

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| Amounts brought forward, | $788.32 | $483.20 |
| J. A. Holmes & Co., " | 25.52 | |
| Jerome Manufacturing Co., " | 10.00 | |
| J. D. Nutting, " | 2.88 | |
| Eaton & Haley, funnel and repairs, | 7.37 | |
| R. Litchfield, Jr., books and stationery, | 64.57 | |
| Ide & Dutton, maps, | 21.50 | |
| Joseph Studley, ink, | 5.00 | |
| John Ford, printing, | 14.41 | |
| Hosea Jewell, census of scholars, | 25.00 | |
| Hollis Danforth, labor, | 11 50 | |
| John Pear, " | 2.25 | |
| William Twist, truckage, | 1.24 | |
| | | 979.56 |

WARD THREE.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| James McNall, | 100.00 | |
| D. W. James, | 3.50 | |
| Wm. Hunnewell, | 17.30 | |
| H. N. Hovey, | 11.51 | |
| Wm. Hunnewell, | 27.24 | |
| Ide & Dutton, | 7.50 | |
| John Ford, | 1.67 | |
| James C. Nute, | 15.00 | |
| James McNall, | 7.12 | |
| Aaron Gaul, | 10.80 | |
| A. Carmichael, sweeping and cleaning, | 46.25 | |
| Ellen Sullivan, " " | 33.45 | |
| B. Carmichael, " " | 23.28 | |
| Ellen Brine, " " | 20.50 | |
| | | 325.12 |

**Miscellaneous.**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Thurston & Torry, printing, | 57.98 | |
| John Ford, " | 13.50 | |
| Damrell & Moore, " | 9.00 | 80.48 |
| | | $1,868.36 |

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| Appropriation, | 1,600.00 | | |
| Additional do., | 300.00 | | |
| | | 1,900.00 | |
| Am't of expenses, | | 1,868.36 | |
| Balance unexpended, | | 31.64 | |

**Hopkins Fund.**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Little, Brown & Co., books for High School, | | 200.00 | 200.00 |
| Am't received of Trustees, | 300.00 | | |
| Am't of expenses, | 200.00 | | |
| Balance unexpended, | $100.00 | | |

**For the Almshouse.**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Moses Clarke, Physician, | salary, | 75.00 |
| Ann E. Wright, Ass't Matron, | " | 29.25 |
| John Peabody, | meat, | 383.18 |
| Geo. H. Goodrich, | " | 29.91 |
| Joseph H. Rice, | " | 16.32 |
| J. C. Burdakin | " | 9.96 |
| Davis & Co., | " | 2.14 |
| J. Whipple, | fish, | 24.25 |
| William Wright, | bread, | 113.32 |
| Charles F. Eaton & Co., | flour, | 164.75 |
| Tarbell & Dana, | " | 117.00 |
| Davis & Bates, | grain and meal | 372.08 |
| W. Horton, | potatoes, | 36.00 |
| G. H. Goodrich, | " | 16.70 |
| Davis & Co., | groceries, | 151.05 |
| J. B. Atwill, | " | 134.71 |
| Tarbell & Dana, | " | 120.00 |
| C. F. Eaton, & Co., | " | 78.13 |
| T. S. Hayes & Co., | groceries, | 22.80 |
| George L. Cade, | " | 5.20 |
| R. F. Weller, | " | 4.33 |
| Amount carried forward, | | $1,906.08 |

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| Amount brought forward, | $1,906.08 |
| J. C. Thurston, domestic goods, | 41.57 |
| Edward Hyde, " | 10.00 |
| J. B. Atwill, mittens, | 8.25 |
| F. E. Faxon, boots, shoes, &c. | 29.45 |
| T. Clark, " " | 6.36 |
| W. P. Sampson, " " | 5.63 |
| State Lunatic Hospital, supplies for insane, | 54.91 |
| Wm. T. Richardson, " " paupers, | 105.00 |
| Anna Lawrence, " " " | 10.50 |
| Wm. Hunnewell, " " " | 4.43 |
| B. F. Bridden, removing " | 5.00 |
| D. C. Ripley, " " | 2.50 |
| Edwin Scudder, " " | 2.25 |
| Lydia M. Cross, nursing " | 15.00 |
| Elizabeth D. Knight, " " | 8.00 |
| J. S. Morrison, burying, " | 10.00 |
| Denton & Wood, book, | 3.25 |
| Wm. A. Saunders, twine, | 6.00 |
| Wm. P. Fisk & Co., oil, | 22.80 |
| D. & G. Goodnow, powder, | 54.75 |
| James Wyman, manure, | 95.00 |
| Albert S. Teel, hotbed sashes, | 56.25 |
| Wm. Adams & Co., steel, | 7.60 |
| Lloyd Crossman, lumber, | 40.45 |
| F. B. Parks, plumbing | 66.25 |
| Charles E. Russ, repairs, | 4.00 |
| Moses Pond & Co., " of range, | 17.48 |
| Allen & Mulliken, " wagons, &c. | 16.38 |
| Belcher Hancock, " harnesses, | 16.50 |
| Lloyd Crossman, wagon, | 40.00 |
| J. C. Chase, horse, | 210.00 |
| Hancock Bridge, tolls, | 8.30 |
| Robert Henderson, iron works, | 12.81 |
| David Barry, labor, | 104.00 |
| Amount carried forward, | $3,006.75 |

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| Amount brought forward, | | $3,006.75 |
| John Gaffney, | " | 73.84 |
| M. McDermott, | " | 64.00 |
| Dennis Mahoney, | " | 62.00 |
| John McCarty, | " | 48.00 |
| M. Hennessy, | " | 30.00 |
| J. Driscoll, | " | 30.00 |
| Hiram Wright, | " | 26.00 |
| Patrick, Caton, | " | 16.00 |
| Wm. Eastman, | " | 11.25 |
| Amos Hill, rent of fishing, | | 140.00 |
| Jacob Hanscom, incidental expenses, | | 475.76 |
| | | 3,983,60 |

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| Appropriation, | 3,500.00 | |
| Additional do., | 625.00 | |
| | | 4,125.00 |
| Am't of Expenses, | | 3,983.60 |
| Balance unexpended, | | 141.40 |

**Repairs of Roads and Sidewalks.**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Samuel Palmer, Superintendent, salary, | | 450,00 |
| John Drew, | labor, | 326.19 |
| John Mellen, | " | 313.66 |
| George Ames, | " | 297.00 |
| Jeremiah Haley, | " | 288.00 |
| Dennis Lane, | " | 288.00 |
| Michael Haley, | " | 275.50 |
| William Barns, | " | 275.42 |
| John Hogan, | " | 263.25 |
| John Doherty, | " | 263.25 |
| Thomas O'Brien, | " | 263.25 |
| Patrick Gilligan, | " | 263.25 |
| Daniel Haley, | " | 263.25 |
| David Claflin, | " | 263.25 |
| Amount carried forward, | | $4,093.27 |

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| Amount brought forward, | | $4.093.27 |
| Michael Linean, | " | 263.25 |
| Patrick Haley, | " | 261.00 |
| James McCune, | " | 261.00 |
| Michael Kelly, | " | 261.00 |
| James Fitzpatrick, | " | 260.50 |
| Cornelius Welch, | " | 260.50 |
| William Lane, | " | 238.06 |
| Michael Smith, | " | 117.56 |
| Jas. McManamin, | " | 115.87 |
| Joseph G. Cannell, | " | 66.00 |
| Edward Clearon, | " | 58.50 |
| Oliver Daley, | " | 2.50 |
| Logan, moving ballast, | | 27.00 |
| Gore, Rose & Co., paving, | | 324.55 |
| Taylor & Pollard, | stones, | 191.34 |
| Wetherbee, Page & Co., | " | 140.54 |
| Gore, Rose & Co., | " | 105.60 |
| A. C. Sanborn & Co., | " | 39.75 |
| Edmund T. Hastings, | gravel, | 218.50 |
| William Gay, | " | 97.44 |
| Thompson Heirs, | " | 71.40 |
| Almon Abbott, | " | 38.00 |
| J. T. Livermore, | " | 28.90 |
| Patrick Granger, | " | 15.00 |
| Charles Wood, | " | 8.60 |
| Henry Potter, | " | 7.50 |
| Gorham Emerson, | " | 6.70 |
| J. Fitzpatrick, | " | 2.00 |
| Samuel Palmer, rent of stables, | | 75.00 |
| J. C. Chase, | horses, | 400.00 |
| Anthony Lucy, | " | 225.00 |
| R. Benford, | " | 225.00 |
| Davis & Bates, grain and meal, | | 1,255,97 |
| Amos Carter, | hay, | 317.94 |
| Amount carried forward, | | $10,080.74 |

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| Amount brought forward, | | $10,080.74 | |
| Nurse, | hay, | 57.40 | |
| J. A Holmes & Co., | " | 50.09 | |
| Hiram Brooks, | " | 43.99 | |
| Upham, | " | 22.01 | |
| J. Whitcomb, | " | 21.43 | |
| J. C. Lovejoy, | " | 21.00 | |
| Stephen Hall, | " | 14.48 | |
| H. E. Shaw, | " | 17.30 | |
| A. Pollard, | " | 10.36 | |
| Belcher Hancock, | repairs of harnesses, | 19.22 | |
| R. M. Sloan, | " " | 8.25 | |
| Ebenezer Tucker, | " " | 4.00 | |
| A. D. Hurd, | " carts, &c. | 38.62 | |
| Jos. Jennings, | " " | 15.55 | |
| Daniel Brown, | " " | 3.99 | |
| J. Fellows, brushes, | | 5.00 | |
| J. A. Holmes & Co., | oil, salt, pails, &c. | 10.73 | |
| Parker, White & Gannett, | tools, | 36.00 | |
| D. U. Chamberlin, | " | 5.60 | |
| Gale, Dudley & Co., | lumber, | 8.53 | |
| Isaac Cutler, | building fence, | 110.20 | |
| Andrew J. Jones, | iron works, | 144.23 | |
| P. Nutting & Co., | " | 81.74 | |
| Joel Robinson, | " | 30.90 | |
| Stephen Day, | " | 27.40 | |
| James Thwing, | " | 13.96 | |
| E. Jennings, | " | 7.23 | |
| Daniel Lehan, | " | 5.00 | |
| | | | $10,914.95 |
| Appropriation, | 9,000.00 | | |
| Additional do., | 2,000.00 | | |
| | | 11,000.00 | |
| Am't of expenses, | | 10,914.95 | |
| Balance unexpended, | | 85.05 | |

**For Watering Streets.**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Robert Ross, Ward 1, | | 525.00 | |
| Daniel Murphy, " 2, | | 521.00 | |
| Geo. W. Fifield, " 3, | | 212.50 | |
| | | | $1,258.50 |
| Appropriation, | | 1,700.00 | |
| Am't of expenses, | 1,258.50 | | |
| Transferred, | 350.00 | | |
| | | 1,608.50 | |
| Balance unexpended, | | 91.50 | |

**For Lighting Streets.**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cambridge Gas Light Co., gas, | | 995.26 | |
| D. U. Chamberlin, burning fluid, &c., | | 322.54 | |
| Wm. Hunnewell, " " | | 61.47 | |
| J. Moriarty, " " | | 7.28 | |
| Geo. Montgomery, lighting lamps, | | 245.32 | |
| James Armstrong, " " | | 184.00 | |
| James McNall, " " | | 60.58 | |
| J. Coolidge, " " | | 7.20 | |
| Geo. L. Harlow, " " | | 1.20 | |
| Cambridge Gas Light Co., gas fixtures, | | 157.50 | |
| N. W. Turner, " " | | 13.30 | |
| Joel Robinson, post fixtures, and repairs, | | 32.37 | |
| Franklin B. Parks, mending lanterns, | | 21.50 | |
| Geo. O. Danforth, " " | | 14.00 | |
| | | | 2,123.52 |
| Appropriation, | | 2,400.00 | |
| Am't of expenses, | | 2,123.52 | |
| Balance unexpended, | | 276.48 | |

**For Repairs of Bridges.**

CAMBRIDGE GREAT BRIDGE.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| B. Bixby & Co., repairs, | | 26.00 |
| Amount carried forward, | | $26.00 |

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| Amount brought forward, | $26.00 | |
| Elisha Ellms, repairs, | 5.63 | |
| Gale, Dudley & Co., lumber, | 38.93 | |
| | | 70.56 |

BRIGHTON BRIDGE.

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|---|---|---|
| B. Bixby & Co., repairs, | 4.00 | |
| | | 4.00 |

HARVARD STREET BRIDGE.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Osgood Dane, stones, and laying wall, | 522.62 | |
| O. T. Sawyer, " " " | 96.88 | |
| Dennis Comings, labor, | 25.00 | |
| J. S. Remick, Agent, lumber, | 40.00 | |
| | | 684.50 |

COURT STREET BRIDGE.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Elisha Ellms, repairs, | 5.63 | |
| Gale, Dudley & Co., lumber, | 21.75 | |
| Abner Boothby, damage, | 5.00 | |
| | | 32.38 |

PRISON POINT BRIDGE.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| J. B. Burroughs, repairs, | 14.50 | |
| B. Bixby & Co., " | 4.50 | |
| J. B. Burroughs, hoisting draw, | 33.75 | |
| | | 52.75 |

MILLER'S RIVER BRIDGE.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| William Rice, building wall, | 1,713.60 | |
| Daniel Cram, " " | 250.00 | |
| Edward Brown, gravel and filling, | 980.50 | |
| James Galvin, mud, | 24.00 | |
| Taylor & Pollard, stones, | 144.22 | |
| A. C. Sanborn & Co., " | 40.20 | |
| B. Bixby & Co., piles and driving, | 360.00 | |
| Jesse Hall & Sons, lumber, | 48.12 | |
| Oliver Hastings, " | 48.07 | |
| Gale, Dudley & Co., " | 30.16 | |
| Amounts carried forward, | $3,638.87 | $844.19 |

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| Amounts brought forward, | | $3,638.87 | $844.19 |
| T. Hastings & Co., nails and spikes, | | 20.27 | |
| Joel Robinson, iron works, | | 5.00 | |
| Sundry workmen, labor, | | 79.12 | |
| Levi Severns " | | 58.62 | 3,801.88 |
| | | | 4,646.07 |
| Appropriation, | 4,000.00 | | |
| Additional do., | 650.00 | | |
| | | 4,650.00 | |
| Amount of expenses, | | 4.646.07 | |
| Balance unexpended, | | 3.93 | |

**For Reservoirs and Drains.**

| | |
|---|---|
| Samuel Palmer, Superintendent, salary, | 75.00 |
| Spencer & Pollard, labor, with men, | 389.95 |
| Wilder Bennett, " " " | 97.75 |
| Henry Noyes, " | 46.96 |
| Major W. Brown, " | 37.50 |
| John B. Fraser, " | 26.43 |
| Joseph E. Burpee, " | 13.13 |
| Sundry workmen, " | 2,363.78 |
| E. & S. W. Burpee, " with teams, | 183.00 |
| B. Bixby & Co., piles and driving, | 403.25 |
| A. C. Sanborn & Co., stones, | 20.75 |
| George W. Wyatt, bricks, | 1,418.40 |
| Hastings & Wellington, cement, | 127.50 |
| Burrage, Stickney & Co., " | 125.84 |
| J. Remick, Agent, lumber, | 138.00 |
| Oliver Hastings, " | 48.97 |
| J. Hall & Sons, " | 29.94 |
| Hiram Brooks, " | 16.25 |
| Burrage, Stickney & Co., " | 1.68 |
| B. N. Bartlett & Co., sawing lumber, | 63.67 |
| H. N. Abbott, & Co., " " | 4.00 |
| Amount carried forward, | $5,631.75 |

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| Amount brought forward, | $5,631.75 | |
| Charles Smith, spikes, | 17.00 | |
| T. Hastings & Co., " | 15.91 | |
| Stephen Day, iron work, | 28.66 | |
| P. Nutting & Co., " | 7.20 | |
| Henry Noyes, repairing reservoir, | 14.20 | |
| Jos. Jennings, reservoir tops, | 20.00 | |
| E. Munroe, " " | 19.15 | |
| A. J. Jones, " " | 9.00 | |
| D. Cummings & Co., pick handles, | 3.37 | |
| | ——— | 5,766.24 |
| Appropriation, | 6.000.00 | |
| Amount of expenses, | 5,766.24 | |
| Balance unexpended, | 233.76 | |

**For Police and Watch.**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| John Bryant, services, | 421.75 | |
| Henry Hayes " | 368.25 | |
| A. W. Chamberlain, " | 360.75 | |
| S. M. Parsons, " | 360.25 | |
| B. F. Bridden, " | 356.25 | |
| Thomas D. Cook, " | 348.25 | |
| Wm. Loughrey, " | 341.25 | |
| James C. Nute, " | 341.25 | |
| James B. Rice, " | 341.25 | |
| John Hobbs, " | 341.25 | |
| J. S. Morrison, " | 320.25 | |
| Edwin Scudder, " | 266.10 | |
| Hiram Welch, " | 147.33 | |
| A. Lawrence, " | 125.00 | |
| George P. Oakes, " | 35.83 | |
| John C. Willey, " | 23.75 | |
| A. P. Rollins, " | 20.00 | |
| W. H. Connor, " | 15.00 | |
| Charles Gardner, " | 10.00 | |
| Amount carried forward, | $4,543.76 | |

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| Amount brought forward, | | $4,543.76 | |
| J. C. Wilder, | services, | 4.00 | |
| Wm. B. Child, | " | 1.50 | |
| G. A. W. Chamberlain, | " | 1.25 | |
| M. L. Smith & Co., rent of watch-house, | | 20.00 | |
| Hiram Welch, repairs of | " | 9.91 | |
| George P. Oakes, furniture, | | 1.20 | |
| J. S. Morrison, cleaning, | | 3.00 | |
| George P. Oakes, | " | 3.00 | |
| B. F. Bridden, badge, | | 75 | |
| J. G. Wilder, | " | 75 | |
| Geo. P. Oakes, stationery, | | 1.45 | |
| Thomas D. Cook, lime, | | 17 | |
| John Bryant, fluid, | | 1.80 | |
| S. M. Parsons, | " | 90 | |
| Henry Hayes, | " | 62 | |
| Edwin Scudder, oil, | | 1.12 | |
| George P. Oakes, oil, | | 90 | |
| John Bryant, fuel, | | 2.24 | |
| S. M. Parsons, fuel, | | 1.68 | |
| | | ——— | 4,600.00 |
| Appropriation, | 3,750.00 | | |
| Additional do., | 850.00 | | |
| | ———4,600.00 | | |
| Amount of expenses, | | 4,600.00 | |

**For the Fire Department.**

ENGINEERS.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| George B. Eaton, Chief Engineer, salary, | | 140.10 | |
| M. L. Smith, Assistant | " " | 41.67 | |
| F. L. Chapman, | " " " | 41.66 | |
| Dalphon Osborn, | " " " | 4.00 | |
| George H. Fowler, | " " " | 4.00 | |
| | | ——— | |
| Amount carried forward, | | $231.43 | $231.43 |

ENGINE COMPANY NO. 1.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Amount brought forward, | | $231,43 |
| Company's Bill, services, | 582.69 | |
| Company's Bill, fines of members, | 49.50 | |
| Shelton & Cheever, repairs, | 146.20 | |
| N. S. Walton, " | 25.49 | |
| Company's Bill, " | 20.00 | |
| Hunneman & Co., " | 16.50 | |
| F. L. Chapman, " | 14.00 | |
| Edwards & Sproul, " | 13.50 | |
| A. J. Jones, " | 12.80 | |
| Thomas Capell, " | 10.00 | |
| Andrew Sproul, ropes, | 1.25 | |
| Ebenezer Tucker, straps, | 5.49 | |
| C. H. Saunders, hardware, | 4.00 | |
| R. Litchfield, Jr., stationery, | .39 | |
| Company's Bill, fuel and lights, | 12.50 | |
| J. B. Kent, truckage, | 7.50 | |
| | | 921.81 |

ENGINE COMPANY NO. 2.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Company's Bill, services, | 627.09 | |
| Company's Bill, fines of members, | 41.00 | |
| Augustus Tallack, care of engine, | 10.47 | |
| Shelton & Cheever, repairs, | 13.03 | |
| Hunneman & Co., " | 13.00 | |
| George McIntosh, " | 3.50 | |
| James H. Southac, " | 3.00 | |
| D. U. Chamberlin, hardware, | 10.21 | |
| Wm. Hall & Co., keys, | 5.40 | |
| R. Litchfield, Jr., stationery, | 1.63 | |
| H. N. Hooper, exchange on bells, | 5.00 | |
| Andrew Sproul, ropes, | 2.25 | |
| George McIntosh, spanners, | 7.00 | |
| Company's Bill, fuel and lights, | 12.50 | |
| | | 755.08 |
| Amount carried forward, | | $1,908.32 |

ENGINE COMPANY NO. 3.

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|---|---|---|
| Amount brought forward, | | $1,908.32 |
| Company's Bill, services, | 612.13 | |
| Company's Bill, fines of members, | 40.00 | |
| Alexander Frazer, care of engine, | 25.00 | |
| H. T. Welch, repairs, | 16.00 | |
| Shelton & Cheever, " | 10.78 | |
| Joel Robinson, " | 6.75 | |
| A. C. Sanborn & Co., " | 3.00 | |
| Hunneman & Co., " | 3.00 | |
| Andrew Sproul, " | .75 | |
| Ebenezer T. Tufts, glazing, | 4.39 | |
| James Boardman, window-shades, | 10.63 | |
| E. H. Brabrook & Co., furniture, | 32.75 | |
| Stephen Smith, " | 10.00 | |
| J. M. Price, iron and tin ware, | 18.83 | |
| Niagara Association, gas fixtures, | 25.00 | |
| J. H. Harras & Co., " " | 13.25 | |
| Niagara Association, hose-caps, | 16.25 | |
| Niagara Association, extension outlet, | 7.25 | |
| Niagara Institute, stancion-wreaths, | 12.00 | |
| Wm. Hall & Co., keys, | 4.70 | |
| Andrew Sproul, ropes, | 1.25 | |
| Wm. Hunnewell, oil and shovel, | 5.12 | |
| R. Litchfield, Jr., stationery, | .76 | |
| Company's Bill, fuel and lights, | 12.50 | |
| | | 892.09 |

ENGINE COMPANY NO. 4.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Company's Bill, services, | 688.33 | |
| Company's Bill, fines of members, | 47.00 | |
| Shelton & Cheever, repairs, | 22.21 | |
| George McIntosh, " | 2.25 | |
| James Thwing, " | 1.20 | |
| Hunneman & Co. " | 1.00 | |
| Andrew Sproul, " | .95 | |
| Amounts carried forward, | $762.94 | $2,800.41 |

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| Amounts brought forward, | $762.94 | $2,800.41 |
| Geo. G. Belcher, painting, | 18.75 | |
| D. U. Chamberlin, hardware, | 12.07 | |
| William Hall & Co., keys, | 3.80 | |
| Andrew Sproul, ropes, | 4.02 | |
| George McIntosh, spanners, | 4.00 | |
| R. Litchfield, Jr., stationery, | 1.04 | |
| Company's Bill, fuel and lights, | 12.50 | |
| | | 819.12 |

ENGINE COMPANY NO. 5.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Company's Bill, services, | 256.55 | |
| Company's Bill, fines of members, | 25.50 | |
| S. M. Parsons, care of engine, | 19.16 | |
| Hunneman & Co, repairs, | 6.75 | |
| James H. Cutter, " | 3.50 | |
| Allen & Mulliken, " | 1.25 | |
| Donnell & Moore, iron and tin ware, | 5.36 | |
| J. B. Atwill, oil, | 2.33 | |
| Company's Bill, fuel and lights, | 12.50 | |
| | | 332.90 |

ENGINE COMPANY NO. 6.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Company's Bill, services, | 618.96 | |
| Company's Bill, fines of members, | 44.00 | |
| Shelton & Cheever, repairs, | 18.32 | |
| Hunneman & Co., " | 6.75 | |
| Andrew Sproul, " | 2.10 | |
| Geo. G. Belcher, painting, | 18.00 | |
| James Boardman, glazing, | .75 | |
| D. U. Chamberlin, hardware, | 9.79 | |
| Eaton & Haley, iron and tin ware, | 6.96 | |
| Geo. McIntosh, spanners, | 2.00 | |
| H. E. Hunting, truckage, | 1.25 | 728.88 |

HUNNEMAN ENGINE COMPANY.

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|---|---|---|
| Company's Bill, services, | 106.00 | |
| Amounts carried forward, | $106.00 | $4,681.31 |

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| Amounts brought forward, | $106.00 | $4,681.31 |
| Special grant, for repairs, | 200.00 | |
| Shelton & Cheever, " | 4.67 | |
| | | 310.67 |

**Hook and Ladder Co.**

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|---|---|---|
| Company's Bill, services, | 410.98 | |
| Company's Bill, fines of members, | 26.50 | |
| Shelton & Cheever, repairs, | 7.10 | |
| George McIntosh, " | 4.88 | |
| Daniel Cross, " | .69 | |
| James Boardman, window shades, | 10.75 | |
| Rufus Kendrick, furniture, | 2.00 | |
| D. U. Chamberlin, hardware, | .58 | |
| William Hall & Co., keys, | 3.05 | |
| J. H. Evans, pikepole, | 1.50 | |
| Company's Bill, fuel and lights, | 7.50 | |
| | | 475.53 |

REFRESHMENTS.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Engine Co., No. Two, | 18.00 | |
| Engine Co., No. Four, | 30.00 | |
| Hook & Ladder Co., | 6.00 | |
| Hancock Engine Co., Charlestown, | 6.00 | |
| G. A. & A. L. Sanborn, | 7.71 | |
| D. A. Marrett, | 4.04 | |
| | | 71.75 |

MISCELLANEOUS.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Shelton & Cheever, fire caps, | 118.00 | |
| Lewis C. Swett, repairing furniture, | 2.00 | |
| J. B. Wiggin, " " | 2.50 | |
| D. U. Chamberlin, hardware, | 1.95 | |
| Denton & Wood, stationery and books, | 27.97 | |
| R. Litchfield, Jr., " | 2.53 | |
| John Ford, printing, | 13.00 | |
| J. B. Wiggin, ringing bells, | 12.50 | |
| Amounts carried forward, | $180.45 | $5,539.26 |

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| Amount brought forward, | | $180.45 | 5,539.26 |
| B. F. Wyeth, ringing bells, | | 4.00 | |
| Rufus Kendrick, hauling apparatus, | | 6.00 | |
| M. L. Smith & Co., " " | | 5.00 | |
| Sawin's Express, truckage, | | 11.62 | |
| William Twist, " | | 4.04 | |
| A. Whittemore, " | | 3.05 | |
| D. A. Hartwell, " | | 3.00 | |
| William Clark, filling reservoirs, | | 8.00 | |
| Daniel Cross, removing snow, | | 10.13 | |
| Geo. E. Pickett, " " | | 8.25 | |
| James McNall, " " | | 5.00 | 248.54 |
| | | | 5,787.80 |
| Appropriation, | | 10,000.00 | |
| Amount of expenses, | 5,787.80 | | |
| Transferred, | 3,675.00 | | |
| | | 9,462.80 | |
| Balance unexpended, | | 537.20 | |

**For Poll Taxes to Engine-men.**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Hook and Ladder Co., 17 persons, | | 25.50 | |
| | | | 25.50 |
| Appropriation, | | 150.00 | |
| Amount of expenses, | 25.50 | | |
| Transferred, | 50.00 | | |
| | | 75.50 | |
| Balance unexpended, | | 74.50 | |

**For Bell-Ringing.**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Joseph Brackett, Ward One, | 39.50 | |
| C. H. Richardson, " " | 1.50 | |
| Amos Munroe, " Two, | 33.75 | |
| J. B. Wiggin, " " | 2.00 | |
| Amount carried forward, | $76.75 | |

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| Amount brought forward, | $76.75 | |
| Samuel Dunnels, Ward Three, | 35.25 | |
| Curtis Hobbs, " " | 3.00 | |
| | ——— | 115.00 |
| Appropriation, | 125.00 | |
| Amount of expenses, | 115.00 | |
| Balance unexpended, | 10.00 | |

**For Burial Grounds.**

NEW CEMETERY.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Henry H. Eames, superintendent, salary, | 481.16 | |
| Joseph Smye, labor, | 211.87 | |
| Thomas Flanagan, " | 211.57 | |
| John Todd, " | 204.68 | |
| William Killian, " | 200.62 | |
| Michael Bannan, " | 200.31 | |
| John Bannan, " | 196.87 | |
| Malachi Mullen, " | 193.75 | |
| Walter A. Eames, " | 195.93 | |
| Jeremiah O'Connor, " | 191.24 | |
| Michael Fallen, " | 175.64 | |
| Cornelius Sullivan, " | 148.12 | |
| Hugh Duffy, " | 121.57 | |
| William Dooley, " | 106.56 | |
| John Brannan, " | 95.26 | |
| Thomas Bannan, " | 83.43 | |
| Michael McCormack, " | 48.09 | |
| John Hill, " | 46.35 | |
| M. G. Packard, " | 17.50 | |
| William Hill, " | 15.47 | |
| Patrick O'Connor, " | 15.47 | |
| Edward Doyle, " | 14.91 | |
| Michael Ryan, " | 14.91 | |
| Frank Todd, " | 14.34 | |
| Amount carried forward, | $3,205.62 | |

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| Amount brought forward, | | $3,205 62 |
| Jeremiah Galvin, | labor | 14.34 |
| John Shea, | " | 14.34 |
| Timothy O'Connor, | " | 13.78 |
| William White, | " | 13.78 |
| Patrick Kelly, | " | 13.22 |
| John Connor, | " | 13.22 |
| Hugh Carrigan, | " | 12.94 |
| Dennis Shea, | " | 12.66 |
| Dennis Shea, 2d, | " | 12.66 |
| John Shea, 2d, | " | 12.66 |
| John Murphy, | " | 12.66 |
| Percy Kelly, | " | 12.66 |
| Patrick McVey, | " | 12.66 |
| Michael Connor, | " | 12.66 |
| Jeremiah Casey, | " | 12.66 |
| Timothy Shea, | " | 12.66 |
| Dennis Lowry, | " | 12.09 |
| Cornelius Connor, | " | 11.53 |
| Philip Curran, | " | 11.53 |
| Michael Moriarty, | " | 9.84 |
| James Lynch, | " | 7.00 |
| John Sullivan, | " | 5.91 |
| James Shea, | " | 5.91 |
| Thomas Connor, | " | 2.25 |
| William Black, | " with team, | 5.00 |
| Henry H. Eames, use of | " | 208.75 |
| Richard T. Stone, truckage, | | 1.00 |
| Sawin's Express, | " | 1.00 |
| J. B. Kent, | " | .25 |
| Burrage, Stickney & Co., lumber, | | 29.73 |
| Smith & Gooch, | " | 5.87 |
| D. C. Smart, fence, | | 58.90 |
| James Mellen, moving building, | | 25.00 |
| N. S. Walton, glazing, | | 17.16 |
| J. H. & J. P. Thayer, painting, | | 125.58 |
| Amount carried forward, | | $3,959.48 |

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| Amount brought forward, | $3,959.48 | |
| W. A. Saunders, furniture, | 39.24 | |
| Aaron R. Gay, books, | 3.50 | |
| Kellogg, Cobb & Co., bell, | 11.13 | |
| D. U. Chamberlin, hardware and tools, | 23.61 | |
| Henry H. Eames, wheelbarrows, | 9.00 | |
| Chapman, Johnson & Co., trees, | 11.00 | |
| D. C. Smart, posts, | 6.00 | |
| Edmund Hayes, bricks, | 49.25 | |
| Henry H. Eames, stones, | 2.92 | |
| W. P. Winkley, stone posts, | 1,332.60 | |
| W. A. Saunders, stone slabs, | 36.00 | |
| A. Wentworth, stone-work, | 20.74 | |
| John Pear, removing the dead, | 30.00 | |
| Hiram Welch, " " " | 7.00 | |
| | ——— | 5,541.47 |

OLD GROUNDS.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Joseph Brackett, care of ground, Ward One, | 25.00 | |
| Daniel Stone, " " " Two, | 25.00 | |
| John Pear, " " " " | 12.50 | |
| R. Litchfield, Jr., " of hearse, | 6.37 | |
| John Pear, " " | 5.62 | |
| Joseph Brackett, certifying deaths, | 3.10 | |
| | ——— | 77.59 |
| | | 5,619.06 |

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| Appropriation, | 3,000.00 | |
| Additional do., | 2,650.00 | |
| | ——— | 5,650.00 |
| Amount of Expenses, | | 5,619.06 |
| Balance unexpended, | | 30.94 |

**For Fuel for the City.**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| M. L. Smith & Co., coal, wood and bark, | 1.769.54 | |
| J. C. Wellington & Co., coal, wood and bark, | 1,424.34 | |
| | ——— | $3,193.88 |

The fuel was distributed as follows: —

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| To the Almshouse, | 679,78 | |
| " Paupers out of the Almshouse, | 361.80 | 1,041.58 |
| " High School House, | 197.79 | |
| " School House in Ward 1, | 375.85 | |
| " " " " 2, | 1,097.86 | |
| " " " " 3, | 207.48 | 1,878,98 |
| " Athenæum, | | 93.75 |
| " Police Court Room, | | 43.51 |
| " Watch house in Ward 1, | 8.90 | |
| " " " " 2, | 24.98 | |
| " " " " 3, | 8.70 | 42.58 |
| " Engine House in " 1, | 8.90 | |
| " " " " 2, | 46,92 | |
| " " " " 3, | 25.95 | 81.77 |
| For weighing and measuring, | | 11.71 |
| | | 3,193.88 |

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| Appropriation, | | 4,000.00 |
| Amount of expenses, | 3,193.88 | |
| Transferred, | 650.00 | |
| | | 3,843.88 |
| Balance unexpended, | | 156.12 |

**For Interest and Bank Discounts.**

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|---|---|
| Lowell Institution for Savings, | 2,372.71 |
| Cambridge City Bank, | 987.24 |
| E. N. Holbrook, | 431.25 |
| E. Kendall, | 398.75 |
| J. H. Wilkins, | 345.17 |
| N. Francis, | 330.00 |
| Provident Institution for Savings, | 250.00 |
| D. McFarland. | 227.50 |
| Plymouth Savings Bank, | 150.00 |
| Daniel Ellis, | 123.00 |
| Henry L. Stone, | 120.00 |
| Amount carried forward, | $5,735.62 |

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| Amount brought forward, | $5,735.62 | |
| Edward Johnson, | 120.00 | |
| R. H. Dana, | 110.00 | |
| B. Wentworth, | 60.00 | |
| J. M. Lassell, | 48,00 | |
| T. B. Bigelow, Trustee, | 30.00 | |
| Nancy Nash, | 24.00 | |
| | ——— | 6,127.62 |
| Appropriation, | 7,000.00 | |
| Amount of expenses, | 6,127.62 | |
| Balance unexpended, | 872.38 | |

**For Payment of City Debt.**

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|---|---|---|
| Lechmere Bank, | 6,500.00 | |
| Cambridge City Bank, | 6,000.00 | |
| | ——— | 12,500.00 |
| Appropriation, | 12.500.00 | |
| Amount of expenses, | 12,500.00 | |

**For Salaries of City Officers.**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Zebina L. Raymond, Mayor, 9 mo., | 600.00 | |
| Lucius R. Paige, City Clerk, 9 mo., | 525,00 | |
| Henry Thayer, Clerk Common Council, | 75.00 | |
| Samuel Slocomb, City Treasurer, 2 mo., | 116.67 | |
| A. J. Webber, " " 7 mo., | 408.33 | |
| Lucius R. Paige, Auditor, 7 mo., | 116.67 | |
| Board of Assessors, 12 mo., | 800.00 | |
| R. Litchfield, Jr., City Messenger, 9 mo., | 225.00 | |
| | ——— | 2,866,67 |
| Appropriation, | 3,000.00 | |
| Amount of expenses, 2,866.67 | | |
| Transferred, 125,00 | | |
| ——— | 2,991.67 | |
| Balance unexpended, | 8.33 | |

**For Incidental Expenses.**

| | |
|---|---|
| John C. Dodge, legal services, | 140.00 |
| Buttrick & Marrett, " " | 53.30 |
| Moses Clarke, medical " | 100.00 |
| Lucius R. Paige, recording births, &c., (21 mos.) and cash for taking census | 239.55 |
| Lucius R. Paige, assessing street taxes, | 10.00 |
| Wm. H. Parker, abstract of deeds, | 43.50 |
| Wm. A. Mason, surveys and plans, | 146.00 |
| T. B. Bigelow, taking census, | 300·00 |
| Thurston & Torry, printing | 569.18 |
| John Ford, " | 114.15 |
| Metcalf & Co., " | 60.00 |
| W. W. Wheildon, " | 5.25 |
| Bradbury & Co., " | 4.44 |
| S. J. Varney, " | 3.00 |
| Denton & Wood, books and binding, | 6.50 |
| Eayrs & Fairbanks, " | 3.25 |
| R. Litchfield, Jr., stationery, | 25.58 |
| B. F. Bridden, " | 6.58 |
| Edwin Scudder, " | 1.12 |
| Andrew Fogg, postage, | .93 |
| Town of Somerville, taxes, | 57.60 |
| Cambridge Gas Light Co., gas, | 38.00 |
| Cambridge Athenæum, " | 3.90 |
| Merchants Insurance Co., insurance, | 198.75 |
| Charles B. Tucker, damage, | 20.00 |
| Cambridge Stage Co., " | 8.00 |
| James G. Hovey & Co., fire-works, | 300.00 |
| Sanderson & Lanergan, " | 150.00 |
| George Rayne, firing salute, | 55.00 |
| Joel S. Orne, " " | 25.00 |
| Henry Hammatt, work on flag-staff, | 1.50 |
| Andrew Sproul, past expense of flag, | 6.00 |
| William Wright, rent of armory, | 75.00 |
| Amount carried forward, | $2,771.08 |

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| Amount brought forward, | | $2,771,08 |
| John Pear, | care of City Clock, | 15.00 |
| Cambridge Lyceum, | " Ward-room, | 11.25 |
| Samuel Dunnels, | " " | 4.18 |
| E. & T. Fairbanks & Co., | hay scales, | 246.65 |
| W. W. Russell, repairing, | " | 22.63 |
| Geo. W. Belcher, painting, | " | 5.00 |
| S. Claflin, | " " | 2.23 |
| John A. Fulton, | " signs, | 4.00 |
| B. J. Parks, | land to widen Cherry Street, | 100.00 |
| Horace Handford, | pruning Elm Trees, | 15.75 |
| W. P. Winkley, | guard stones for " " | 111.24 |
| P. Nutting & Co., | iron-work, " " | 18.00 |
| Robert Ross, | labor, " " | 49.38 |
| Horace Handford, | repairs Cambridge Common, | 90.62 |
| George H. Cutler, | " " " | 53.15 |
| Samuel Slocomb, | travelling expenses, | 1.50 |
| John A. Hughes, | ballot boxes, | 4.50 |
| Wm. Hubbard, | care of small-pox patients, | 50.00 |
| R. Litchfield, Jr., | funeral charges, | 14.00 |
| Josiah W. Cook, | serving notices, | 20.25 |
| Edwin Scudder, | distributing notices, | 24.00 |
| John Bryant, | " " | 21.50 |
| Hiram Welch, | " " | 15.20 |
| A. W. Chamberlain, | " " | 7.00 |
| B. F. Bridden, | " " | 2.00 |
| Edwin Scudder, | removing insane persons, | 38.10 |
| J. S. Morrison, | " " " | 13.20 |
| Hiram Welch, | " paupers, | 3.50 |
| Hiram Welch, | " nuisance, | 3.00 |
| Benjamin Gibbs, | " " | 3.00 |
| James McNall, | " " | 2.00 |
| A. J. Pike, | use of teams, | 2.25 |
| J. B. Kent, | truckage, | 2.13 |
| H. & F. Stimpson, | " | 1.75 |
| H. N. Weld, | " | 1.00 |
| Amount carried forward, | | $3,750.04 |

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| Amount brought forward, | | $3,750.04 |

LIQUOR AGENCY.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| A. S. Mansfield, liquors, | 1,384.05 | |
| Joseph Studley, " | 2.00 | |
| Joseph Studley, agent, salary, | 25.00 | |
| Edward H. Weston, " " | 25.00 | |
| J. J. Weston, sales-book, | 4.50 | |
| Joseph Studley, set of measures, | 2.88 | |
| J. M. Price, " " | 2.30 | |
| Joseph Studley, corks and wrappers, | 3.00 | |
| Joseph Studley, paid for truckage, | 5.38 | |
| Torrey & Cragin, " | 4.62 | |
| | | 1,458.73 |

POLICE COURT ROOM, &c.

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| Friendship Lodge, rent of rooms, | 79.15 | |
| Benj. F. Bridden, care of " | 29.19 | |
| Edwin Scudder, " " | 8.33 | |
| Simon P. Clark, repairs, | 60.77 | |
| Daniel Gunnison, painting, | 3.38 | |
| A. H. Allen, furniture, | 16.00 | |
| B. F. Bridden, " | 5.11 | |
| Eaton & Haley, funnel, &c., | 14.80 | |
| | | 216.73 |

ROOMS IN ATHENÆUM.

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|---|---|---|
| Cambridge Athenæum, rent, 9 mo., | 300.00 | |
| Stephen Smith, furniture, | 64.00 | |
| E. H. Brabrook & Co., " | 22.00 | |
| Edward Hyde, " | .25 | |
| Edward C. Stevens, carpet, | 15.30 | |
| Henry Thayer, paid for making carpet, | 1.50 | |
| Marland & Co., iron safe, | 88.52 | |
| Eaton & Haley, funnel, &c., | 7.04 | |
| Simon P. Clark, repairs, | 12.35 | |
| John Hackett, whitewashing, | 1.75 | |
| Amounts carried forward, | $512.71 | $5,425.50 |

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|---|---|---|---|
| Amounts brought forward, | | $512.71 | 5,425.50 |
| Daniel Gunnison, painting, | | 14.50 | |
| D. U. Chamberlin, paper hangings, | | 21.62 | |
| | | | 548.83 |
| | | | 5,974.33 |
| Appropriation, | 5,000.00 | | |
| Additional do., | 1,000.00 | | |
| | | 6,000.00 | |
| Amount of expenses, | | 5,974.33 | |
| Balance unexpended, | | 25,67 | |

**Reserved Fund.**

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriation, | 17,954.00 |
| Transferred, | 3,600.00 |
| | $14,354.00 |

## RECAPITULATION OF EXPENDITURES FOR NINE MONTHS ENDING DEC. 1, 1855.

| | Original Appropriations. | Added or Subtracted. | Appropriations as altered. | Amount of Expenditures. | Balances Unexpended. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Instruction of Public Schools, | $21,000.00 | | 21,000.00 | 20,787.23 | 212.77 |
| Repairs of School Houses, | 1,000.00 | + 375.00 | 1,375.00 | 1,364.34 | 10.66 |
| Care, &c., of School Houses, | 1,600.00 | + 300.00 | 1,900.00 | 1,868.36 | 31.64 |
| Hopkins Fund, | 300.00 | | 300.00 | 200.00 | 100.00 |
| Almshouse, | 3,500.00 | + 625.00 | 4,125.00 | 3,983.60 | 141.40 |
| Repairs of Roads and Sidewalks, | 9,000.00 | + 2,000.00 | 11,000.00 | 10,914.95 | 85.05 |
| Watering Streets, | 1,700.00 | — 350.00 | 1,350.00 | 1,258.50 | 91.50 |
| Lighting Streets, | 2,400.00 | | 2,400.00 | 2,123.52 | 276.48 |
| Repairs of Bridges, | 4,000.00 | + 650.00 | 4,650.00 | 4,646.07 | 3.93 |
| Reservoirs and Drains, | 6,000.00 | | 6,000.00 | 5,766.24 | 233.76 |
| Police and Watch, | 3,750.00 | + 850.00 | 4,600.00 | 4,600.00 | |
| Fire Department, | 10,000.00 | — 3,675.00 | 6,325.00 | 5,787.80 | 537.20 |
| Poll Taxes to Enginemen, | 150.00 | — 50.00 | 100.00 | 25.50 | 74.50 |
| Bell Ringing, | 125.00 | | 125.00 | 115.00 | 10.00 |
| Burial Grounds, | 3,000.00 | + 2,650.00 | 5,650.00 | 5,619.06 | 30.94 |
| Fuel for the City, | 4,000.00 | — 650.00 | 3,350.00 | 3,193.88 | 156.12 |
| Interest and Bank Discounts, | 7,000.00 | | 7,000.00 | 6,127.62 | 872.38 |
| Payment of City Debt, | 12,500.00 | | 12,500.00 | 12,500.00 | |
| Salaries of City Officers, | 3,000.00 | — 125.00 | 2,875.00 | 2,866.67 | 8.33 |
| Incidental Expenses, | 5,000.00 | + 1,000.00 | 6,000.00 | 5,974.33 | 25.67 |
| Reserved Fund, | 17,954.00 | — 3,600.00 | 14,354.00 | | 14,354.00 |
| Amount of Appropriations, | $116,979.00 | | $116,979.00 | $99,722.67 | $17,256.33 |
| Amount of Expenditures, | | | 99,722.67 | | |
| Balance unexpended, | | | $17,256.33 | | |

DR. CITY OF CAMBRIDGE IN ACCOUNT WITH A. J. WEBBER, TREASURER. CR.

| | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| From March 1855, to Dec. 1855 | To Cash paid Cambridge City Bank, | $57,500 00 | From March 1855, to Dec. 1855 | By Cash rec'd of Sam'l Slocomb, Treasurer, | $3,749 63 |
| | " " " Lechmere Bank, | 13,000 00 | | " " " Little & Brown, and Interest, | 4,233 07 |
| | " " " part County Tax, | 6,000 00 | | " " " Cambridge Cemetery, | 5,603 35 |
| | " " " Interest and Discounts, | 6,162 57 | | " " " Burial Fees, | 394 50 |
| | " " " Sundry Bills by order of the Mayor, | 67 00 | | " " " J. S. Ladd, Police Court Fines, | 455 20 |
| | " " " Orders drawn by the Mayor, | 80,311 24 | | " " " J. S. Ladd, " " Costs, | 428 20 |
| | Balance Cash on hand, | 19,389 99 | | " " " W. A. Stone, Grass, | 66 00 |
| | Errors to Balance, | 08 | | " " " W. W. Wellington, School house Seats. | 15 00 |
| | | | | " " " Merchants Insurance Company, | 54 69 |
| | | | | " " " Hopkins Charity School Fund, | 300 00 |
| | | | | " " " Warden Almshouse, | 3,020 00 |
| | | | | " " " Hay Scale Fees, | 469 60 |
| | | | | " " " L. R. Paige, old Safe, | 30 00 |
| | | | | " " " Dog Tax, | 78 00 |
| | | | | " " " Liquor Agents, | 801 96 |
| | | | | " " " Town Brighton, | 25 99 |
| | | | | " " " Cambridge City Bank, | 51,500 00 |
| | | | | " " " Lechmere Bank, | 6,500 00 |
| | | | | " " " Grading Taxes, | 195 65 |
| | | | | " " " Taxes, 1854, | 229 23 |
| | | | | " " " " 1855, | 102,577 61 |
| | | | | " " " Drain, | 1,703 20 |
| | Orders drawn and unpaid Dec. 1, $2,234 34 | | | | |
| | | $182,430 88 | | | $182,430 88 |

*Cambridge, Dec.* 29, 1855. E. E.

A. J. WEBBER, *Treasurer.*

## AMOUNT OF CITY DEBT, DECEMBER 1, 1855.

| DATE. | RATE OF INTEREST. | TO WHOM PAYABLE. | WHEN PAYABLE. | AMOUNT. | INTEREST PAID TO |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| February 24, 1848, | 5 3-4 | Lowell Institution Savings, | February 24, 1856, | 5,000 00 | August 24, 1855, |
| " " " | 5 3-4 | " " " | February 24, 1857, | 5,000 00 | August 24, 1855, |
| " " " | 5 3-4 | " " " | February 24, 1858, | 5,000 00 | August 24, 1855, |
| November 6, 1850, | 5 1-2 | " " " | November 6, 1870, | 3,000 00 | November 6, 1855, |
| January 23, 1851, | 5 1-2 | " " " | January 23, 1871, | 8,000 00 | July 23, 1855, |
| December 16, 1851, | 6 | " " " | December 16, 1860, | 20,000 00 | December 16, 1855, |
| August 6, 1852, | 5 1-2 | " " " | August 6, 1862, | 12,900 00 | August 6, 1855, |
| July 18, 1849, | 6 | James M. Lassell, | July 18, 1859, | 800 00 | July 18, 1855, |
| July 29, 1848, | 6 | H. L. Stone, Trustee, | July 29, 1858, | 2,000 00 | July 29, 1855, |
| May 29, 1849, | 6 | Edward Johnson, | May 29, 1859, | 2,000 00 | November 29, 1855, |
| May 29, 1849, | 6 | Edward Johnson, | May 29, 1859, | 2,000 00 | May 29, 1855, |
| May 30, 1849, | 6 | Phillips' Academy, Exeter, | May 30. 1859, | 2,000 00 | November 30, 1855, |
| June 9, 1849, | 6 | Daniel McFarland, | June 9, 1859, | 3,000 00 | June 9, 1855, |
| November 2, 1850, | 5 1-2 | Daniel McFarland, | November 2, 1865, | 3,000 00 | May 2, 1855, |
| February 12, 1851, | 5 1-2 | Daniel McFarland, | February 12, 1866, | 2,000 00 | August 12, 1855, |
| August 8, 1849, | 6 | Estate of David Hill, | August 8, 1859, | 5,000 00 | August 8, 1855, |
| August 8, 1849, | 6 | Plymouth Savings Bank, | August 8, 1859, | 5,000 00 | August 8, 1855, |
| September 5, 1850, | 5 3-4 | E. N. Holbrook, | September 5, 1862. | 10,000 00 | September 5, 1855, |
| October 12, 1850, | 5 1-2 | R. H. Dana, | October 12, 1862, | 2,000 00 | October 12, 1855, |
| September 30, 1851, | 6 | B. Wentworth, (Bigelow,) | September 30, 1862, | 1,000 00 | September 30, 1855, |
| October 15, 1851, | 6 | Daniel Ellis, | October, 15, 1856, | 2,000 00 | October 15, 1855, |
| December 1, 1851, | 6 | Daniel Ellis, | December 1, 1856, | 2,000 00 | December 1, 1855, |
| February 10, 1853, | 5 | Provident Institution Savings, Boston, | February 10, 1863, | 10,000 00 | August 10, 1855, |
| June 5, 1852, | 5 1-2 | Nancy Nash, | June 5, 1856, | 800 00 | June 5, 1855, |
| January 1, 1854, | 6 | E. Kendall, | January 1, 1858, | 8,500 00 | July 1, 1855, |
| April 1, 1854, | 5 3-4 | J. H. Wilkins, | April 1, 1864, | 5,000 00 | October 1, 1855, |
| April 1, 1854, | 5 3-4 | J. Whitehouse, | April 1, 1864, | 1,000 00 | October 1, 1855, |
| February 1, 1854, | 6 | N. Francis. | February 1, 1857, | 6,000 00 | August 1, 1855. |
| | | | | $134,100 00 | |

**Schedule of Debts Due the City of Cambridge, December 1, 1855.**

| | |
|---|---|
| Little & Brown, note, | $4,000.00 |
| J. B. Smith, " | 200.00 |
| Taxes uncollected, 1853, | 232.35 |
| " " 1854, | 935.42 |
| " " 1855, | 18,685.93 |
| Drain Taxes, | 1,066.88 |
| | $25,120.58 |

# REPORT

*Concerning the Real and Personal Property of the City.*

The Committee who were appointed to examine the Personal Property of the Almshouse Establishment, also to report a schedule of all the property real and personal belonging to the city, with its estimated value, have attended to the duty assigned them, and report the following schedule: —

*Personal Property connected with the Almshouse Establishment, according to an Inventory taken by the Overseers of the Poor, Dec.* 1, 1855.

| | |
|---|---|
| Furniture, beds and bedding, | $549.40 |
| Dry goods and clothing, | 224.90 |
| Cooking utensils, stoves, &c., | 297.16 |
| Vegetables, seeds, &c., | 424.50 |
| Farmers', carpenters', and shoemakers' tools, | 54.00 |
| Fishing apparatus, coffins, nails and lumber, | 220.00 |
| Blacksmith and ledge tools, farming tools, &c., | 774.12 |
| Hay, straw and manure, | 734.50 |
| Stone, | 103.50 |
| Horses, swine and poultry, | 726.50 |
| Wagons, carts and harnesses, | 429.00 |
| Debts due from towns in the Commonwealth, with cash on hand, | 1,007.08 |
| Due from the Commonwealth, | 73.55 |
| Hot bed sash, | 150.00 |
| Hot bed mats, | 50.00 |
| Stoves, | 93.50 |
| Two Cows, | 100.00 |
| Stone delivered to the city, | 1.363.50 |
| Empty hogsheads and barrels, | 23.12 |
| Tools in Blacksmith shop, | 100.00 |
| | 7,498.33 |

*Real and Personal Property of the City.*

| | |
|---|---|
| The Public Commons, | |
| Burial Grounds, Ward I, | |
| " " " II, | |
| Winthrop Square, | |
| Gerry's Landing, | |
| Cemetery Grounds, | $17,000.00 |
| Almshouse, | 30,000.00 |
| City Farm, | 15,000.00 |
| City Hall Lands, | 4,000.00 |
| Land on Essex Street, lots Nos. 8, 9 10 and 12, | 7,000.00 |
| Two Lots on North Avenue, | 2,000.00 |
| Three School houses in Ward I, | 30,000.00 |
| Nine, " " " II, | 54,000.00 |
| Four " " " III, | 30,000.00 |
| House and land on Fourth Street, Ward III, | 800.00 |
| Library and apparatus of the High School, | 3,200.00 |
| Twelve horses, | 2,000.00 |
| Fifteen harnesses, | 150.00 |
| Six carts, | 450.00 |
| Four Sleds, | 75.00 |
| Utensils for work on roads, | 125.00 |
| Five hay-scales, | 1,000.00 |
| | $196,800.00 |

*Real and Personal Property connected with the Fire Department, according to an Estimate made by the Chief Engineer, Dec.* 1, 1855.

| | |
|---|---|
| Engine, No. 1, and apparatus, | 1,000.00 |
| " " 2, " | 1,000.00 |
| " " 3, " | 1,100.00 |
| " " 4, " | 1,000.00 |
| " " 5, " | 1,075.00 |
| " " 6, " | 1,000.00 |
| Hook and ladder apparatus, | 250.00 |
| House and land No, 1, | 3,000.00 |
| " " " 2, | 3,200.00 |
| " " " 3, | 2,200.00 |
| " " " 4, | 2,900.00 |
| " " " 5, | 2,500.00 |
| " " " 6, | 600.00 |
| | $20,825.00 |

RECAPITULATION.

| | |
|---|---|
| Property of the Almshouse, | 7,498.33 |
| Property of the Fire Department, | 20,825.00 |
| Real and Personal Property of the City, | 196,800.00 |
| Total, | $225,123.33 |

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEORGE STEVENS,
ALANSON BIGELOW,
ALMON ABBOTT,
} *Sub-Committee.*

# REPORT

OF THE

## COMMISSIONERS ON THE CAMBRIDGE CEMETERY,

JANUARY 1856.

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The Act of March 13, 1855, establishing a Board of Commissioners for the Cambridge Cemetery, makes it their duty in the month of January, "to make and render a report of all their acts, doings, and proceedings, and of the condition of the Cemetery, and an account of the receipts and expenditures for the same;" and, in accordance with the requirements of the Statute, the Commissioners present their first

### REPORT.

It is well known that the two burial places in the most populous part of the city were greatly crowded, — so much so that independent of all sanitary considerations it had become indispensable to provide farther accommodation. Under these circumstances the City Council, after careful investigation, made a very judicious purchase in 1853 of about twenty-four acres of land in the immediate neighborhood of Mount Auburn, and on the banks of Charles River, at a cost of about ten thousand six hundred dollars. Some four or five acres of this land are low and marshy, and a part of the remainder is also unfit for the purpose of burial. Much the greater portion, however, is dry and elevated, and eminently adapted by its variety of surface for the purpose for which it was purchased, and capable, at small cost, of being prepared for use.

Under the judicious management of the Superintendent, Mr. Eames, a large part of the lots sold have been graded, — the grounds cleared of underbrush — considerable work has been done towards excavating a swamp in the centre of the grounds so as to form an artificial pond — trees have been planted — the lodge

painted and removed to a more retired and better location, and much labor bestowed for the general improvement of the place, which cannot, like the grading of lots, be charged to individual account. No new avenues have been opened during the present year, much having been wisely done by the Committee who have had previous charge of the grounds. A considerable space, embracing that which is most level and best adapted to that purpose has been laid out "as a public burial place for the use of the inhabitants of the city free of charge therefor." This will admit of perhaps one thousand burials, and occupies a very large part of the ground which can be used most advantageously for this purpose. The remainder, so for as opened by avenues, is designed for sale to those who may wish to purchase, and own their lots in severalty, as in Mount Auburn. So far as we can judge from the sale of lots and burials in the public ground, both will be fully required for use in about the same length of time.

Two hundred and twenty-six lots have been already sold, and there is every reason to believe that while the grounds are kept in a neat and attractive condition, and the population of the city increases, and the beauties of the place are better known; a very few years only will elapse before the whole ground will be taken up.

As one hundred and forty-five burials have been already made in that portion allotted to the public, while there is room only for about one thousand burials, it will be seen that it will in the same ratio require less than seven years to fill the whole of this space.

The price of lots containing three hundred square feet has been fixed at thirty dollars, — one half the *original*, and one-fifth of the *present* price of similar lots in Mount Auburn.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| The number of burials during the year have been, in the public ground, | 79 | |
| Removals from other places, | 66 | |
| | | 145 |
| Burials in private lots, | 47 | |
| Removals from other places, | 167 | |
| | | 214 |
| Remaining in the receiving tomb, | | 16 |
| Total burials during the year, | | 375 |

The Commissioners indulge the hope that in a very few years *all* the bodies deposited in the Second Ward may be removed, and that ground thrown open as a park, or planted with trees, as such a place is greatly needed in that section of the city.

The appropriation for the Cemetery in 1855 was, $5,650.00

There have been expended during the year the following sums:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| For H. H. Eames, salary as Superintendent, | 481.16 | |
| " Labor on the grounds, | 3,009.61 | |
| " Stone posts, | 1,332.60 | |
| " Miscellaneous items, such as teams, excavating pond, painting the lodge, trees for planting, &c., &c. | 727.63 | |
| Total expenditure for the year, | | $5,551.00 |
| There have been received for sale of lots, | 4,740.00 | |
| " " " " " stone posts and grading lots, | 813.35 | |
| | | $5,553.35 |
| And there is now due for stone posts and grading, | | 3,686.00 |
| Making for the year received and now due, | | 9,239.35 |
| From which deduct the amount expended, | | 5,551.00 |
| Showing a nett income to the city of | | $3,688.35 |

As the original cost was about 10,600 dollars, it will be seen that more than one third of that sum has been realized during the present year.

Such are the attractions of the place, even in its present early history that repeated applications have been made for lots by non-residents, and though not restricted in the sale by the charter, yet believing that *all* the ground will soon be required by the citizens of Cambridge, such applications have been constantly refused.

If thirty years are allotted to a generation, it is apparent that in a few years the population in the "city of the dead" will exceed that of the living, and though in his quiet resting place the "narrow cell" may suffice for each, yet there will be a necessity of making farther provision for the burial of our dead.

As there are some seven or eight acres of ground directly east

of, and adjoining the present Cemetery, which can now be had, the Commissioners believe it the best economy to purchase this land if it can be had at a reasonable price. It is all high, level table land, with a sandy or gravelly soil, surrounded by a belt of noble oak trees of a large size, and directly adjoining that part of the Cemetery now devoted to public burials. It has been seen that hardly seven years will elapse before it will be absolutely necessary to have more room. Should this purchase be made, a sufficient portion could be appropriated to the use of the public, and the remainder be sold for private lots. It is also believed that considerable gravel could be spared for the use of the highways of the city without injuring it for the purpose for which it is wanted. The Commissioners believe the result in a financial view would be as satisfactory as that of the present year. If expedient, lots could be sold to non-residents, perhaps at an enhanced price, and yet cheaper than they can be had elsewhere, and the cost of the purchase very soon be realized.

If this addition to the grounds could be made, and a public highway should be opened, leaving Mount Auburn street between Sparks and Lowell streets, along the bank of the river, and an entrance to the Cemetery be laid out on the east side of the grounds, it would reduce the distance from that point very nearly one-half, besides avoiding the sharp hill just before reaching the present entrance by the only avenue now leading to the Cemetery.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Z. L. RAYMOND,
ZELOTES HOSMER,
ANSON HOOKER,
ABRAHAM EDWARDS,
T. B. BIGELOW,
WM. A. SAUNDERS,
} *Commissioners.*

*January* 3, 1856.

# REPORT

OF THE

# OVERSEERS OF THE POOR,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER, 1855.

THE Overseers of the Poor of the City of Cambridge, respectfully submit the following

## REPORT.

The average number of paupers supported in the Almshouse the past year, is twenty-nine.

The following schedule shows the amount of the appropriation, the amount of the expenditures, for the support of paupers and the Almshouse establishment; the amount of money received, and the sources from which it was derived; the proceeds from the products of the farm and quarry; and also the return made to the Commonwealth of the condition of the poor.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| The appropriation made at the commencement of the year, was | $3,500 | |
| Additional, | 625 | 4,125.00 |
| Amount of expenditures during the year, | | 3,983.60 |
| Balance unexpended, | | $141.40 |

*Schedule of Expenditures.*

| | |
|---|---|
| Salaries, | $104.25 |
| Labor on farm and quarry, | 465.09 |
| State Lunatic Hospital, | 54.91 |
| Fishery, | 140.00 |
| Repairs on house and drains, | 87.73 |
| " " wagon and harness, | 32.88 |
| Amount carried forward, | 884.86 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Amount brought forward, | 884.86 | |
| Paid for manure, | 95.00 | |
| " " powder and ledge tools, | 63.05 | |
| Horse, | 210.00 | |
| Meat, | 423.51 | |
| Grain and meal, | 372.08 | |
| Flour and bread, | 395.07 | |
| Groceries, | 516.22 | |
| Potatoes, | 52.70 | |
| Dry goods, | 59.82 | |
| Boots and shoes, | 41.44 | |
| Jacob Hanscom, | 475.00 | |
| Sundry small bills, | 395.65 | |
| | | $3,984.40 |

The following statement exhibits the nett earnings of the establishment over the expenditures for the nine months ending Dec. 1, 1855, viz: —

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cash paid into the City Treasury, derived from the labor and products of the farm, | $3,020.00 | |
| Increase of products over last year, | 813.02 | |
| Cellar and drain stone on hand, | 200.00 | |
| Amount of stone delivered the city for drains, &c., | 1,363.50 | |
| | | $5,396.52 |
| Deduct amount drawn from the Treasury for suppport of the establishment, | | $3,983.60 |
| Nett earnings of the establishment, | | 1,412.92 |

There was received at the Almshouse during the Municipal year ending Dec. 1855.

| | |
|---|---|
| For alewives from the brook, | 904.00 |
| " vegetables, grain, and straw, | 1,729.00 |
| " picking hair, | 40.00 |
| " ledge, | 300.00 |
| " board of paupers, | 22.00 |
| " pigs, | 25.00 |
| | $3,020.00 |

*Proceeds from Labor, Products from the Land, &c., during the nine months ending Dec.* 1, 1855.

| | |
|---|---|
| Labor in stone quarry, picking hair, &c., | $2,000.00 |
| Alewives from the brook, | 904.00 |
| Value of vegetables, fruit, hay, &c., | 2,492.00 |
| | $5,396.00 |

*List of Paupers sent to Tewksbury, at the expense of the Commonwealth.*

| NAMES. | DATE OF PERMITS. | AGE. |
|---|---|---|
| Thomas Logan, | April 19 | 50 |
| Mary Gilligan, | " 20 | 22 |
| Hannah Sweeney, | " 27 | 43 |
| Martin McLean, | " 28 | 23 |
| George McLean, | " 28 | 4 1-2 |
| John Hamilton, | May 8 | 62 |
| Diana Hurley, | " 14 | 12 |
| Winnifred Aigin, | " 14 | 52 |
| Winnifred Aigin, 2d, | " 14 | 5 |
| Elvira Aigin, | " 14 | 2 |
| Eliza Riddle, | " 17 | 35 |
| Eliza J. Riddle, | " 17 | 6 |
| Wm. T. Riddle, | " 17 | 4 |
| Octovo Noland, | " 23 | 55 |
| Patrick Wallace, | June 15 | 9 |
| Michael Toole, | " 16 | 60 |
| John Clement, | July 3 | 6 |
| John Gray | August 2 | 42 |
| John Gray, Jr., | " 2 | 11 |
| William Gray, | " 2 | 8 |
| Elizabeth Gray, | " 3 | 6 |
| Elizabeth Gray, | " 3 | 35 |
| Jemima Gray, | " 3 | 13 |
| Abigail Parsons, | " 11 | 47 |
| Elizabeth Parsons, | " 11 | 10 |
| Henrietta Parsons, | " 11 | 8 |
| Selina Parsons, | " 11 | 5 |

| NAMES. | DATE OF PERMITS. | AGE. |
|---|---|---|
| Anson Parsons, | August 11 | 3 |
| John Darcy, | " 22 | 25 |
| James White, | " 23 | 28 |
| Ann E. Wood, | " 24 | 12 |

*Return of the state of the Poor to the Secretary of State as prescribed by law.*

| | |
|---|---|
| Number of persons relieved or supported as paupers, | 205 |
| Number having legal settlement in this city, or elsewhere, | 150 |
| Number of State paupers, | —— |
| " " foreign " | —— |
| " from England and Ireland, | —— |
| " of acres of land attached to Almshouse, | 33 |
| Estimated value of Almshouse establishment, | $45,000.00 |
| Number of persons relieved in Almshouse during the year, | 140 |
| Average number supported at Almshouse, | 30 |
| " weekly cost of supporting each pauper in the Almshouse, | $1.73 |

From the preceding statistics it will be seen that the income from the Almshouse Establishment has somewhat exceeded its expense; although the income from the Fishery fell far short of last year, the quantity caught was nearly the same.

The quantity of vegetables raised on the farm this year has exceeded that of last year; but, owing to the low prices in the wholesale market, the income has been considerably less. Nearly all the labor employed on the farm, and in the quarry, has been hired; as, since the removal of the State paupers, but a small portion of the inmates of the Almshouse are able to labor.

The income from the quarry has been large, and had the prices charged the city been as high as was obtained from individuals, the result would have appeared still more gratifying.

The farm is in good condition, and is under the management of Mr. Jacob Hanscom, who has superintended the establishment for the last two years. Mr. Hanscom and his excellent lady are well fitted for the position they occupy.

The house is always in perfect order, and every attention is paid to the unfortunate inmates, both in sickness and in health, to render them as comfortable as possible.

The number of inmates is small compared with former years, and the house is much larger than is needed for their accommodation, but with the natural increase of the population the number of inmates will gradually increase, so that a sale of the house at a low price is of doubtful expediency.

Under the care of the present Superintendent the land will be kept in good condition, and will be continually increasing in value.

It is gratifying to know that, in a population of over twenty thousand, the poor and unfortunate are so comfortably provided for, without the cost of a dollar to the city, except a portion of the interest on the original cost of the Almshouse Establishment. All which is most respectfully submitted.

Z. L. RAYMOND, } *For and in behalf of the*
J. C. THURSTON, } *Overseers of the Poor.*

## Abstract of Births, Marriages and Deaths.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS, RECORDED, 1846—1855.

| Year. | Marriages. | Births. | Deaths. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1846 | 89 | 432 | 173 |
| 1847 | 91 | 510 | 221 |
| 1848 | 81 | 472 | 246 |
| 1849 | 129 | 517 | 298 |
| 1850 | 187 | 556 | 302 |
| 1851 | 238 | 593 | 317 |
| 1852 | 214 | 535 | 333 |
| 1853 | 291 | 672 | 387 |
| 1854 | 318 | 669 | 421 |
| 1855 | 297 | 761 | 474 |
| Total, | 1935 | 5717 | 3172 |

# REPORT

## Of Moses Clarke, M. D., Visiting Physician.

*To the Overseers of the Poor of the City of Cambridge :*

Gentlemen : — The inmates properly belonging to the Almshouse have enjoyed an unusual degree of health during the past year. Two foundlings thrived well until warm weather, but the hot season proved fatal to both. Three births have taken place at the House during the past year. Several patients not able to be removed to the State institutions have been taken care of at the House until so far restored as to be able to be removed or discharged. I have visited many persons for the purpose of giving an opinion on the propriety of removing them to the State Almshouses, and have also attended to all calls made upon me by the members of your Board.

Under the direction of your Chairman, who is also Chairman of the Board of Health, I have attended four cases of small-pox, which were admitted into the Hospital provided for contagious diseases. Two of these recovered, and two, having the confluent form of the disease, terminated fatally.

I have attended five cases of the same disease, out of the Hospital, all of which recovered.

According to the order passed by the City Council, in July last, in relation to vaccination, I have made arrangements to vaccinate in the several Wards on specified days in each month, notice of the time and place being published weekly in the *Chronicle*.

The sick have at all times received the sympathy and constant care of the Warden and Matron.

One subject, which is not connected with my department, is of such importance that I trust I shall be allowed to call your attention to it ; the re-establishment of the School at the House. It became necessary to abolish it for the want of pupils, at the time the paupers were removed to the State Institutions ; but the number of children sentenced for truancy has increased to such an extent, that it appears to me desirable to re-open the school.

Very respectfully,

MOSES CLARKE.

*Cambridge, Dec.* 31, 1855.

# REPORT

OF THE

# CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

CHIEF ENGINEER'S OFFICE,
*Cambridge, Dec.* 1, 1855.

*To the Honorable Mayor and Aldermen:*

GENTLEMEN: — In conformity with the requirements of Sec. 6, of the Fire Ordinance, the following report of the condition of the Engine Houses, Engines, Hose Carriages, and Hook and Ladder Carriage, with the apparatus thereto belonging, together with a list of the officers and members of the Department, with their ages; the number and location of Reservoirs, the numbers of Fires and Alarms from March 1st to Dec. 1st, 1855, with the causes thereof, the amount of loss by fire, and the amount of Insurance on the same, as near as could be ascertained, is respectfully submitted.

GEO. B. EATON, *Chief Engineer Fire Department.*

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ENGINEERS.

George B. Eaton, - - - - - - - - - *Chief Engineer.*

ASSISTANTS.

1. John B. Frazer,
2. Mason Davis,
3. Wm. Bates, Jr.
4. Chas. H. Blake.

## Cambridge Engine Co., No. 1.

HOUSE ON CHURCH STREET.

Leonard L. Daniels, *Foreman*, Age 29.

1st *Assistant*,
Geo. O. Danforth, Age 34.

*Clerk*,
Henry M. Tyler, Age 21.

2d *Assistant*,
Thomas Capell, Age 38.

*Steward*,
Jas. B. Kent, Age 32.

MEMBERS.

| | Age. | | Age. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Chas. H. Bates, | 20 | Chas. H. Ryan, | 31 |
| Edward P. Cowing, | 22 | John P. White, | 32 |
| Eugene H. Mathews, | 24 | Henry O. Maynard, | 23 |
| Andrew J. Jones, | 28 | Sam'l M. Horsington, | 40 |
| Benj. F. Berry, | 29 | George Pollard, | 21 |
| Benj. F. Garland, | 22 | Geo. C. Bate, | 23 |
| James Holt, | 27 | Wm. H. H. Emory, | 24 |
| John L. Jones, | 23 | George Mumler, | 30 |
| John F. Mumler, | 21 | Geo. H. Johnson, | 25 |
| Geo. T. Tucker, | 23 | Benj. F. Perry, | 24 |
| George Morse, | 23 | John M. Cottrell, | 20 |
| Wm. B. Holt, | 22 | | |

Twenty-eight Members.

House, Engine, 25 feet of Suction Hose, Hose Carriage, 650 feet Leading Hose, 2 Pipes, 4 Buckets, 2 Axes, 1 Blunderbuss, in good condition.

## Union Engine Co., No. 2.

HOUSE ON MAIN STREET, CORNER WINDSOR.

Samuel M. Frye, *Foreman*, Age 36.

1st *Assistant*,
Jesse L. Sawyer, Age 32.

*Clerk*,
Albert R. Goodnow, Age 26.

2d *Assistant*,
Edw. H. Sawyer, Age 23.

*Steward*,
Augustus Tallack, Age 23.

MEMBERS.

| | Age. | | Age. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Geo. E. Sawyer, | 29 | Thomas Drinan, | 33 |

| | Age. | | Age. |
|---|---|---|---|
| John E. Howe, | 20 | James D. Osborne, | 21 |
| Wm. L. Stevens, | 24 | Dan'l M. Russell, | 25 |
| Thomas Houghton, | 23 | Andrew J. Hastings, | 27 |
| Granville M. Fiske, | 21 | Charles Cade, | 20 |
| William Cade, | 21 | T. Lyman Fenton, | 21 |

Seventeen Members.

House, Engine, 26 feet of Suction Hose, Hose Carriage, 650 feet Leading Hose, 2 Pipes, 6 Buckets, 2 Axes, 1 Blunderbuss, in good condition.

### Niagara Engine Co., No. 3.

HOUSE ON CAMBRIDGE STREET, WARD III.

Charles H. Strout, *Foreman*, Age 32.

1st *Assistant*,
Bela N. Bartlett, Age 32.

*Clerk*,
Chas. H. Porter, Age 40.

2d *Assistant*,
Watson B. Hastings, Age 26.

*Steward*,
Jacob W. Parker, Age 48.

MEMBERS.

| | Age. | | Age. |
|---|---|---|---|
| James Nelson, | 37 | Oliver T. Patte, | 20 |
| Henry Hunson, | 41 | William Robbins, | 22 |
| Leonard Bacon, | 46 | Thos. B. B. West, | 22 |
| Benj. Sargent, | 33 | Wm. F. Lincoln, | 21 |
| Jonathan H. Bass, | 48 | W. H. Mitchell, | 22 |
| James Blodgett, | 29 | Stephen A. Parker, | 28 |
| Gideon G. Bachelder, | 32 | Enos Wells, | 22 |
| Charles Coy, | 20 | Geo. W. Sweetser, | 22 |
| Jas. N. Bartlett, | 27 | Horatio Babb, | 20 |
| John M. Hastings, | 23 | Arthur Jewett, | 21 |
| Franklin Farrar, | 47 | Horatio Turner, | 26 |
| Levi Langley, | 24 | Chas. M. Smith, | 20 |
| Fairfield R. Davis, | 22 | Andrew Robbins, | 21 |
| Josiah H. Bartlett, | 25 | Joel Cook, | 21 |
| Thomas Robinson, | 32 | | |

Thirty-four Members.

House, Engine, 28 feet of Suction Hose, Hose Carriage, 750 Leading Hose, 2 Pipes, 4 Buckets, 2 Axes, 1 Blunderbuss, in good condition.

### Hydrant Engine Co., No. 4.

HOUSE AT THE JUNCTION OF WESTERN AVENUE AND RIVER STREET.

Barzillia Sturtevant, *Foreman*, Age 27.

1st *Assistant*,
Albert Norris, Age 27.

*Clerk*,
Chas. W. Sayward, Age 23.

2d *Assistant*,
Chas. E. Hancock, Age 26.

*Steward*,
Jos. M. Hagar, Age 28.

MEMBERS.

| | Age. | | Age. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Oliver Hapgood, | 32 | Napoleon B. Fellows, | 25 |
| Joel Gay, | 58 | Augustus Whittemore, | 20 |
| William Norris, | 30 | Geo. A. Hayward, | 26 |
| Sidney Smith, | 49 | Wm. G. Tarbell, | 42 |
| Josiah H. Pierce, | 31 | Edw. W. Kennard, | 22 |
| Warren Damon, | 45 | John Edwards, | 38 |
| Richard T. Stone, | 29 | Sidney Smith, Jr., | 26 |
| Byron Bailey, | 25 | James Richardson, | 21 |
| Isaac W. Bailey, | 23 | Newell Martin, | 30 |
| John Eastman, | 47 | Jesse M. Ray, | 40 |
| Cushing Nichols, | 27 | Granville S. Nutting, | 21 |
| DeWitt C. Fellows, | 25 | Geo. S. Dudley, | 21 |
| Chas. H. Munroe, | 21 | J. Cushing Potter, | 31 |
| Francis D. Hardy, | 21 | Thaddeus Patten, | 20 |
| Jas. H. Fuller, | 28 | Ira A. Morton, | 36 |

Thirty-five Members.

House, Engine, 28 feet Suction Hose, Hose Carriage, 625 feet Leading Hose, 3 Pipes, 4 Buckets, 3 Axes, 2 Blunderbusses, in good condition.

### Daniel Webster Engine Co., No. 5.

HOUSE ON NORTH AVENUE, NEAR WINTHROP SCHOOL HOUSE.

Edward Mulliken, *Foreman*, Age 30.

1st *Assistant*,
Wm. S. Cogswell, Age 20.

*Clerk*,
Edw. S. Marston, Age 20.

2d *Assistant*,
Franklin Snow, Age 25.

*Steward*,
George Cutter, Age 20.

MEMBERS.

| | Age. | | Age. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Sylvanus M. Parsons, | 26 | Lewis Baird, | 40 |
| Joseph H. Rice, | 53 | Wm. Russell, | 36 |
| Jas. H. Cutter, | 21 | Willard Snow, | 21 |
| Jas. W. Presby, | 44 | E. Hutchinson, | 40 |
| J. Franklin Rice, | 24 | Henry Goodrich, | 22 |
| Francis H. White, | 23 | Daniel O'Connell, | 20 |
| Thos. D. Cook, | 31 | John Conley, | 21 |
| Chas. W. Bruce, | 34 | Edw. H. Clement, | 30 |
| John B. Cook, | 39 | Dean Claflin, | 28 |
| Timothy F. Lyons, | 21 | George Howe, | 32 |
| Abel A. Fox, | 22 | James Coffee, | 23 |
| Timothy Brown, | 40 | William Thompson, | 27 |
| Sam'l J. Wright, | 35 | Chas. Presby, | 20 |

Thirty-one Members.

House, Engine, 28 feet Suction Hose, Hose Carriage, 650 feet Leading Hose, 1 Pipe, 4 Buckets, 2 Axes, 1 Blunderbuss, in good condition.

## Pioneer Engine Co., No. 6.

HOUSE ON PIONEER STREET.

Willard E. Simpson, *Foreman*, Age 30.

1st *Assistant*,
Frederick W. Hagar, Age 25.

*Clerk*,
Enoch Howlett, Age 28.

2d *Assistant*,
Geo. H. Fowler, Age 34.

*Steward*,
Geo. Copeland, Age 26.

MEMBERS.

| | Age. | | Age. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Bartlett Simpson, | 28 | John P. Brown, | 22 |
| Veazie P. Ricker, | 30 | Geo. P. Page, | 47 |
| Joseph P. Howlett, | 47 | George C. Staff, | 23 |

| | Age. | | Age. |
|---|---|---|---|
| John D. Simpson, | 26 | James Murphy, | 35 |
| Chas. Ellison, | 21 | William Black, | 44 |
| Francis W. Brown, | 28 | Jeremiah D. Cahalane, | 23 |
| Benj. I. Brown, | 28 | James M. Goodwillie, | 23 |
| Henry E. Hunting, | 31 | Enoch D. Howlett, | 39 |
| Alfred S. Grant, | 21 | John Brimmer, | 30 |
| William Hardy, | 31 | John Coleman, | 28 |
| Elias Jones, | 45 | Timothy Ames, | 29 |
| George Smyth, | 22 | John Rice, | 22 |
| George H. Coolidge, | 21 | Timothy Nelson, | 23 |
| George C. Howlett, | 26 | Alexander Polleys, | 20 |
| William Loughrey, | 40 | | |

Thirty-four Members.

House, ordinary. Engine, 26 feet Suction Hose, Hose Carriage, 700 feet Leading Hose, 3 Pipes, 4 Buckets, 2 Axes, 1 Blunderbuss, in good condition.

### Franklin Hook and Ladder Company, No. 1.

HOUSE ON MAIN STREET, CORNER OF WINDSOR.

John S. Pollard, *Foreman*, Age 35.

1st *Assistant*,
Jas. C. Davis, Age 34.

*Clerk*,
Thos. M. Davis, Age 26.

2d *Assistant*,
Rufus Slocomb, Age 34.

*Steward*,
Isaac Rivers, Age 39.

MEMBERS.

| | Age. | | Age. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Joseph G. Dane, | 32 | James Donahoe, | 23 |
| Rufus Kendrick | 29 | Edward Q. Rowell, | 30 |
| Chas. A. Davis, | 25 | Daniel Cross, | 40 |
| Carlos M. Tandy, | 28 | John G. Wheeler, | 33 |
| Daniel O. Gunnison, | 34 | James C. Wilder, | 30 |
| Edward L. Teele, | 26 | Rufus Lamson, | 21 |
| Joseph S. Day, | 32 | Geo. S. Pike, | 37 |
| Lysander Kemp, | 33 | | |

Twenty Members.

House, Carriage, 13 Ladders, of various lengths, measuring in all 294 feet; 4 Hooks, with chain and rope attached; 11 Buckets, 2 Axes, 2 Fire Rakes, 5 Forks, 1 Crowbar, 1 Harness, in good condition.

There are two long Ladders and one Roof Ladder, beside the fence (under cover) in the yard of the First Methodist society, Third street, in good condition. Also, one large Fire Hook, useless.

In addition to apparatus herein described, the Companies are furnished with the requisite number of Badges, Keys, Fire Caps, Belts, Spanners, Signals, Torches, Crowbars, Shovels, and all the necessary apparatus for the performance of their respective duties.

**Fire Police.**

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| Allen B. Parsons, | Amos P. Rollins, |
| Thomas Work, | Henry Kingsley, Jr. |

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**Estimate of Property connected with Fire Department.**

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|---|---|
| Engine No. 1 and apparatus, | $1,000.00 |
| " " 2 " | 1,000.00 |
| " " 3 " | 1,100.00 |
| " " 4 " | 1,000.00 |
| " " 5 " | 1,075.00 |
| " " 6 " | 1,000.00 |
| Hook and Ladder Carriage and apparatus, | 250.00 |
| | $6,425.00 |

## Reservoirs.

### LOCATED IN WARD ONE — 19.

Corner of Main and Dana streets.
Mt. Auburn st., foot of Linden.
" " opp. Orthodox Church.
Corner Brighton and Spring streets.
Brattle Square.
Brattle st., south end Appian Way.
Garden, north " " "
Garden street, front of Old School House.
School Court, near School House.
Junction Garden street and Concord Avenue, opposite Arsenal.
North Avenue, near junc. of Waterhouse street.
Square, front of house of the late D Holmes.
Kirkland st., opposite Oxford.
Sumner street, opposite residence of Mr. Lerned.
Cambridge st., opposite Richardson's Buildings.
Prescott st., near J. D. Green's barn.
Bow st., centre of Square.
College Yard.
North Avenue, near Engine House, No. 5.

### LOCATED IN WARD TWO — 40.

Junction Main street and Broadway.
Pioneer street, front of Engine House No. 6.
Corner Harvard and Davis streets.
Corner Washington and Harrison sts.
East end of School street, near Brooks' Buildings.
Main street, near Car Factory.
Broadway, corner of Windsor.
Corner of Washington and Windsor.
Main street, near passage to Hovey's Bacon Works.
Corner School and Cherry sts.
Harvard street, head of Cherry.
Corner Washington and Pine.
Corner Harvard and Columbia sts.
Main street, near liberty pole.
Corner Main and Brookline streets.
Corner Austin, rear Douglass's Candy Manufactory.
Austin, corner Essex street.
Austin, opposite House of Aaron Rice.
Main street, square east of Irving House.
Pearl street, near Jones & Co's Factory.
Main street, junction Western Avenue and River street.
Corner Brookline and Auburn streets.
Corner Pearl and Franklin streets.
Junction Western Avenue and Pleasant.
Corner Main and Cross streets.
City Hall yard, Harvard and Norfolk.
Harvard street, opposite passage to Burial Ground.
Corner Harvard and Prospect streets.
Broadway, head of Tremont street.
Prospect street, 175 feet north of Broadway.
Norfolk street, midway between Broadway and Hampshire.
Corner Magazine and William streets.
Corner Main and Austin streets.
Corner Inman and Harvard streets.
Green street, opposite house of Daniel Stone.
Corner Cherry and Washington streets.
Main st., east side of D. Osborn's Factory.
Corner Bristol and Hampshire.
Corner Medford and Cambridge streets.
Corner Tremont and Garden streets.

### LOCATED IN WARD THREE — 9.

Front of Hotel, junction Bridge and Gore streets.
Corner Gore and North Third streets.
Corner Otis and Fourth streets.
Corner Cambridge and South Fifth sts.
Corner Thorndike and Third streets.
Cambridge street, 70 feet east of North Third.
Corner of South, Sixth, and Spring sts.
New Eng. Glass Co's Yard.
Winchester's Factory Yard.

The Reservoirs have been examined, and all needful repairs made. At the present time they are in good condition, but in many localities afford a poor supply.

**Recapitulation.**

| | |
|---|---|
| Number of Engineers, | 5 |
| " Members, | 200 |
| " Fire Police, | 4 |
| " Fngines, | 6 |
| " Hose Carriages, | 7 |
| " Hook and Ladder Carriage, | 1 |
| " Feet of Suction Hose, | 161 |
| " " Leading " | 4025 |
| " Buckets, | 37 |
| " Axes, | 15 |
| " Hooks, | 5 |
| " Ladders, | 16 |
| " Reservoirs, | 68 |
| Loss of property from March 1, to Dec. 1, 1855, | $22,930. |

Insurance, $12,180.00.

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| Fires caused by incendiaries, | 11 |
| Alarms from fires out of the city, | 10 |
| False alarms, | 1 |
| Other causes, | 22 |
| Whole number, | 44 |

| Date. | Owners or Occupants. | Situation. | Loss. | Insurance. | Causes. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1855. | | | | | |
| March 5. | Oliver Hastings, | Dwelling House on Appian Way, | $1,000.00 | $1,000.00 | Funnell in contact. |
| " 21. | | Newton, | | | Fire in Newton. |
| " 30. | Jas. O'Brien, | Building known as Astor House, | Trifling, | | Defect in Chimney. |
| April 1. | Chas. Lincoln, | Shed on Fifth Street, | " | | By Cigar. |
| " 2. | | Somerville, | | | Fire in Somerville. |
| " 5. | Geo. Coolidge, | Gymnasium Building, near Har. Sq. | " | | Curtain took from lamp. |
| " 10. | City of Cambridge, | Mason School House on State St., | 15.00 | 15.00 | From furnace. |
| " 12. | Wm. L. Whitney, | Store on Brattle Street, | Trifling, | | Unknown. |
| " 27. | | Boston, | | | Fire in Boston. |
| " 27. | Universalist Society, | Church Junction of Main and State, | " | | Incendiary. |
| " 27. | J. N. Merriam, | Dwelling House on Pine St., | 150.00 | 150.00 | Unknown. |
| May 5. | Edward Hixon, | Cabinet Manufactory, | 7,000.00 | | Defective Chimney. |
| " 6. | Robt. Douglass, | Out Building on Main St., | Trifling, | | Incendiary |
| " 6. | Little & Brown, | Ropewalk bet. W. Ave., & River St. | 2,000.00 | 1,000.00 | Incendiary. |
| " 8. | Denis Daley, | Dwelling House on Broadway, | 200.00 | 200,00 | Unknown. |
| " 10. | State of Mass., | Work Shop on Magazine Island, | 50.00 | | Incendiary. |
| " 11. | Heirs of Mrs. Haynes, | Dwelling House on Gore St., | Trifling, | | Unknown. |
| " 19. | | Brighton, | | | Fire in Brighton. |
| " 20. | Unitarian Society, | Church on Lee St., | 5,000.00 | 3,300.00 | Incendiary. |
| " 27. | | Somerville, | | | Fire in Somerville. |
| June 1. | Z. B. Porter, | Barn near R. R. Bridge N. Camb., | 200.00 | | Incendiary. |
| " 6. | | Alarm, | | | Horse racing. |
| " 18. | Francis Edgworth, | Dwelling House and Barn, | 2,000.00 | 1,500.00 | By Fire Crackers. |

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| June | 18. | William Chapman, | Dwelling House, | 750.00 | 450.00 | By Fire Crackers. |
| " | 18. | Michael Flood, | " " | 675.00 | 675.00 | " " |
| " | 26. | | Brush at Pine Grove, | | | Brush Burning. |
| " | 27. | | Boston, | | | Fire in Boston. |
| July | 4. | Mrs. McGee, | Dwelling House on Todd Estate, | 200.00 | 200.00 | By Fire Crackers. |
| " | 9. | Watson Heirs, | Grain Store on Main St., | 400.00 | 400.00 | Unknown. |
| " | 13. | F. L. Hutchins, | Unfinished House on Jay St., | 100.00 | 100.00 | Incendiary. |
| Aug. | 4. | | Charlestown, | | | Fire in Charlestown. |
| " | 7. | | Edgeworth, | | | Fire in Edgeworth. |
| " | 16. | N. E. Glass Co., | Glass House, | 35.00 | 35.00 | Unknown. |
| " | 19. | City of Cambridge, | School House on Harvard St., | 55.00 | 55.00 | Incendiary. |
| " | 22. | | Brookline, | | | Fire in Brookline. |
| Sept. | 2. | | Somerville, | | | Fire in Somerville. |
| " | 3. | Phillip Curran, | Dwelling House on Spr., St., W. 1, | Trifling, | | Bed took fire from lamp. |
| " | 10. | Stephen Day, | Dwelling House on Cambridge St., | " | | From sparks. |
| " | 14. | Dalphon Osborn, | Planing Mill foot of State St., | " | | From Furnace. |
| " | 17. | William Allcott, | " " Broadway, | " | | Stove in dry room. |
| " | 24. | Alpheus Arkerson, | Dwelling House on Harrison Aven., | " | | Unknown. |
| Oct. | 6. | Thomas Dowse, | Store occupied by Edward Hyde, | 1,200.00 | 1,200.00 | Incendiary. |
| " | 8. | Leonard Arkerson, | Ropewalk River St., | 150.00 | 150.00 | " |
| Nov. | 12. | Dalphon Osborn, | Planing Mill foot of State St., | 50.00 | 50.00 | From Furnace. |
| " | 18. | D. C. Mower, | Dwelling House on Market St., | 800.00 | 800.00 | Unknown. |
| " | 27. | Omnibus Company, | Stable and driveway, Main Street, | 900.00 | 900.00 | Incendiary. |
| | | | | $22,930.00 | $12,180.00 | |

# REPORT

OF THE

# SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1855.

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In discharging their duties, the Committee have not found it necessary to depart from the principles adopted by their predecessors, into whose well directed labors they entered at the beginning of the year. The schools are generally in a satisfactory and prosperous condition. When they entered upon their direction, they had already attained a high place among the best in the Commonwealth. It gives us pleasure to say the past has been a year of *progress* and *improvement* in our schools as a whole. In some cases, the advancement has been very marked. No important changes have been made in their organization or arrangement. The classification into five grades, we believe, is peculiar to Cambridge; and the experience of several years has confirmed the opinion that such distribution of the scholars, according to age and acquisition, has been attended with good results. The advantages of this plan are numerous and marked in their influence, both on teacher and pupils.

The excellent and faithful teachers who had charge of our schools at the beginning of the year, are, for the most part, still remaining in their places. A few have been invited to more eligible positions, where higher salaries were offered. They have accepted these offers, and left our city. This we expected, and we cannot complain, however deeply we may regret their loss; certainly we cannot be sure of commanding the best talent, or retaining the most successful teachers, while the salaries which we pay are less than they are in some of the towns and cities around us. The experience of the past year has made it evident, that the action of our predecessors in raising the salaries of the teachers was expedient and necessary. In no other way could they protect our schools from serious damage and depreciation from the loss of the most experienced and efficient instructors. The Committee take pleasure in noting the fact that the present municipal authorities have promptly granted the appropriations asked for the schools for the current year, and have cheerfully co-operated with us in meeting every exigency which has arisen. One sentiment has seemed to animate all who stand in any official relation to the educational interests of our city. No one is known to us who would willingly consent to such withholding of supplies, as would tend in any degree to lower the standard of excellence which our schools have already reached, or make less effective the facilities which we possess for educating the children of this ancient town. We have not yet reached a point of extravagance, which affords any good reason for remonstrance or alarm. The ratio of cost per scholar, for instruction, is not higher in Cambridge than in other towns and cities in the county and the commonwealth. In 1853, Cambridge stood *sixteenth* in the State in respect to the amount appropriated for the instruction of each child in the city, between the ages of five and sixteen; and in the county of Middlesex, for the same year, our city stood *seventh;* and in 1854, *fifth.* It should be noticed, that while Lowell expends two cents per scholar, she pays about 2.67 per cent. on her taxable property, while Cambridge pays 2.42. It should be remembered, also, that many more of the children in Lowell, who are between the ages returned, are out of school, than in Cambridge, and therefore

require no provision to be made for them. There are about seventy towns in Massachusetts which pay a larger per cent. on their property for schools than our city. Your Committee are strong in their confidence that the inhabitants and government of Cambridge will look well to it that this city shall never take any lower place than she now occupies in the graduated tables of the Secretary of the Board of Education, nor neglect to furnish means and facilities for the instruction and culture of her sons and daughters, equal at least to those at present enjoyed.

The Committee would not fail to bear testimony to the faithfulness and assiduity of the teachers under their direction. Most of them appreciate their position, and use their best endeavors to discharge the difficult and important duties resting on them. It is true, some of them seem not quite to apprehend the difference between teaching lessons and educating minds. Perhaps there are those among them, who think of the work of teaching more as a livelihood than a profession; more as a business than a life; a business undertaken and prosecuted with chief reference to themselves, rather than a life devoted to the good of others, in fitting them for the responsibilities of the varied relations of citizens and intelligent beings.

Our teachers as a class deserve much more sympathy and encouragement than is given them from the parents of those, who attend the schools which they have in charge. There is a disposition among many to seize on the first opportunity which occurs, to charge the teacher with indiscretion, unfitness, or incompetence. It is certain that sometimes a whole term is lost to the school, that the teacher suffers keenly in feeling, and the scholars are permanently prejudiced, by the unfounded suspicions and careless statements of two or three persons, uttered in as many minutes.

In our visits, made often and without notice, as well as in our examinations, private and public, the impression has been made on us that the teachers of Cambridge feel kindly toward their scholars, and generally treat them with great forbearance; not unfrequently with more than is consistent with good order and salutary discipline. It should be known to our fellow-citizens that a large number of the teachers employed at this time among us, were not

only experienced and eminent in their profession before they took charge of the schools now under their care, but were distinguished as mild and affectionate in their discipline, as well as genial and efficient in the control of their pupils. Some of those who have been connected with our own schools as scholars, are taking an honorable standing as teachers among those whom we have taken from other towns.

No new schools have been established the past year, and no new houses erected. Arrangements are in progress to provide increased school accommodations in North Cambridge. The necessity for this had become imperious. A large number of children were without adequate provision. One room has been newly furnished in Ward Three, and one in Ward Two, and the schools are receiving no little benefit from the change. While the Committee are not prepared to recommend the erection of a new school house in the Second Ward, in 1856, they deem it desirable to call the attention of the city government to the fact, that there should be farther provision for the schools of this part of the city. In the Middle and Primary schools, there are many scholars without proper seats. The Mason and Boardman schools are crowded to an intolerable fulness. The health of teachers and pupils has suffered from this state of things. The discipline of the schools is difficult, and good order is impossible with the present accommodations of several of them. Early attention to this subject is urgently demanded. A sale of some of the school houses and the land on which they stand, would furnish in part the means required for the purchase of new sites and erection of new houses in more eligible places. It is possible one large house would accommodate all who now attend the Broadway, Boardman, and Mason schools.

Additional school room is needed in the Third Ward. A new Alphabet School must soon be formed, and there is no suitable place in which it can be kept. The school house in North Third Street is a miserable, unsightly, old building, not at all suited to school purposes. The erection of a new building, on the site of the present Thorndike school house, is suggested as a measure worthy of consideration.

It is matter of congratulation that, with a single exception, no

change has been found necessary in the books used in our schools during the year. The decided measures adopted by the Committee have relieved them from much of the annoyance formerly experienced from those interested in the introduction of new books, without the least reference to their excellence or adaptation. No attempt has been made recently by authors or publishers to force their publications upon us; and we are not aware that there is any reason for change in school books at present.

Several schools are inadequately provided with outline maps, and should be furnished at once. No better investment can be made for the interests of elementary education, than in the purchase of good outline maps, when they are placed in the hands of competent and earnest teachers.

We believe the opposition hitherto made to the reading and use of the Bible in our schools, is about to disappear. Teachers have experienced but little difficulty in this matter the past year. It is to be hoped none of the citizens of Cambridge will agitate this question for a long time to come. There can be no good reason for pushing this text-book of Christianity from its place among those provided for the use of our teachers. We claim to be a Christian people. Our statutes require the inculcation of the principles of religion and the precepts of Christianity by those who are employed as teachers of youth in our Commonwealth. This is as it should be. The importance of such teaching cannot be over estimated. In every place, where children are gathered for instruction, these principles should have a living presence. Never can we relinquish this Book, nor take it from the table of the teacher of our common schools. It would be receding a long distance from the place which we have attained and occupied in regard to these institutions, so wide spread and so potent in their formation and salutary influence on individual character, and the condition of society in general. The want of moral power in our schools is one of their most prominent defects. In many of the children the moral sense has no culture at home; they have no knowledge of moral law. Remove the Bible from them, and allow the teachers to suspend the devotional exercises, the repetition of the decalogue, and the prayer of our Lord, and it would be found that the moral forces now possessed

would be greatly diminished. When those in charge of our schools no longer refer to the Bible as a treasury of facts in the history of good and bad men, or as teaching that "the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom," and announcing the principles of the Divine government as they are applied to the affairs of the present world and the future, then will they suffer an incalculable loss of means for good to those under their care. The Committee have not failed to observe the judicious earnestness with which many of our teachers have attempted a good moral influence over their pupils. Decided commendation is due to those who have directed their attention to the moral wants of our children, and have used their best endeavors to secure to them a knowledge of the principles and precepts of Christianity in their application to the relations and duties of the schoolroom; of their influence in the formation of character; of their authority over all persons; and of their claim to control the conduct in every relation, and influence the life at all times, and in all places.

With these remarks on the general condition and common necessities of the schools, we now proceed to speak more particularly of each school, and to indicate its condition as ascertained at our visits and examinations.

## WARD I.

The *Washington Alphabet School*, under the care of Miss Eliza Gould, is in a flourishing condition. Miss Mary Thayer has been associated with Miss Gould as assistant, in place of Miss Metcalf, who has been transferred to the Washington Middle, and has given entire satisfaction to the Committee. The examinations were satisfactory, and sustained the former high reputation of the school. This is a large school, and many of the scholars come from a great distance; it suffers considerably from irregularity of attendance, an evil impossible to be avoided.

The *Winthrop Alphabet School* is in a good condition. There has been an evident improvement in the attendance during the past year, and this has contributed much to the increased prosperity of the school. The report of the examinations indicates, that the teacher, Miss A. E. Boynton, has given good evidence of her ability and faithfulness in the work of instructing the young.

The *Washington Primary*, for many years under the faithful instruction of Miss Mary Gould, now assisted by Miss Miller, is a school of a high order, and continually improving. The examinations showed that the teachers have labored with praiseworthy diligence, and that the scholars, in general, have well improved the privileges they enjoy. The exercises in reading, spelling, &c., were all satisfactory, and the order and moral condition of the school seemed to be excellent.

The *Winthrop Primary School* has been very successfully taught by Miss Rutharia Bates, who was appointed at the close of the last year to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Miss Augusta Allen. The reports of the examining Committees indicate, that notwithstanding the misfortune of a change of teacher, this school has well sustained itself, and has given good evidence of ability and faithfulness on the part of the instructer.

The *Washington Middle School*, under the care of Miss Ireson as Principal, according to the last annual report, had been gradually rising to a highly respectable rank. During the present year it has not only maintained its standing, but has evidently made progress towards a still higher position. Miss Metcalf has been associated with Miss Ireson in the room of Miss Bates, who has been transferred to the Winthrop Primary, and proves a very valuable assistant. Both examinations were good, and gave indication of progress. At the last examination, the exercises in reading, spelling, and arithmetic by all the classes were, in general, highly satisfactory, and some of them of great excellence. The writing books have been neatly kept, and considerable improvement in writing has been made by the scholars. This school, in common with many others, suffers in consequence of irregularity in the attendance of many of the pupils. For this the teachers are not in fault, nor do the Committee know of any method by which the evil can be remedied.

The *Shepard Middle School*, under the care of Miss C. E. Downes, has had a high reputation for several years, which has during the past year been well maintained. Miss Downes possesses promptness and energy, which, combined with an excellent method of imparting instruction, deserve and ensure success. The re-

ports of the examining Committees are but repetitions of former reports ; — " all classes appeared well ; " " an excellent school ; " " a faithful and excellent teacher."

The *Washington Grammar School*, still under the care of Mr. Mansfield and his assistants, Misses Wiggin and Haskell, has attained a deservedly high standing among the Grammar Schools of this city. No teachers understand their work more thoroughly, or perform their duty with greater fidelity ; and their success has been in proportion to their diligence. The high excellence of this school appears, not merely in the public and formal examinations, but especially in the work of every day. Nothing seems to be done for display, but for substantial and permanent effect. The commendation bestowed upon this school in the last two annual reports may be repeated in this, for we cannot see that there has been any falling off, either in respect to the diligence and fidelity of the teachers, or in the appearance of the several classes. Improvement is doubtless possible, for no human institution is quite perfect ; but as to the general management and character of the school the Committee feel great satisfaction, and refer to it as one of the best with which they have any acquaintance. Both examinations were in all respects entirely satisfactory. Particular excellence and occasional defects might be pointed out, but when all the classes do well, and an examination as a whole, is excellent, this seems not to be necessary. The compositions, maps, writing books, deserve the almost unqualified approbation of the Committee. During the last year, a gentleman who has ever manifested a great interest in the welfare of this school, made to it a donation of twenty dollars, to be expended under the direction of the teacher and sub-committee. With this sum, a set of the National Cyclopedia and several other valuable books of reference, have been purchased. There has been an increase in the school, for the last five years, of about seventy-six per cent. or a little more than fifteen per cent. per annum. The same rate of increase for three years to come, would give more than two hundred pupils. The school room, as now arranged, will seat one hundred and forty-eight scholars. That number has been present at one time during the last quarter, which closed with one hundred and forty-two. Every seat will, probably,

be occupied this winter, and as another class will enter in March, accommodations for twenty-five more scholars, and another assistant will be needed.

The *Shepard Grammar School* during eleven months of the year was under the instruction of Mr. W. H. Ladd, and fully sustained its reputation, as a hard-working and prosperous school. The mode of instruction adopted by Mr. Ladd, has been regarded by the Committee as somewhat peculiar and original, and might not be a safe precedent for others; still with him it has proved highly effective and successful. The examinations were, as a whole, satisfactory, and gave evidence of a vigorous application of the pupils to their studies, and faithful effort on the part of the teacher, not merely to give instruction, but also to adapt his instructions to the minds of his scholars, and to teach them to express their own ideas in their own words. The classes in Physical Geography recited exceedingly well. The spelling and defining were nearly perfect.

At the close of the first quarter of the winter term, Mr. Ladd resigned his situation, having accepted an appointment in the Chauncy Hall School in Boston. Resolutions were adopted by the Committee, attesting to his ability, zeal, and faithfulness as a teacher. Mr. N. W. Metcalf has been appointed his successor.

## WARD II.

The *Webster Alphabet School* is taught by Miss Mary A. Tarbell, assisted by Miss Sarah F. Kelley. It has been in fine condition during the year, and the pupils have made good progress. The examinations were excellent, and both the teachers are active and interested in their work.

The *Boardman Alphabet School* is very large, consisting of from ninety to a hundred pupils, and is taught by Miss Ann Lewis. The school house is old and unsightly, and very badly ventilated. The school is a good one, and the teacher accomplishes all that can be reasonably expected. The examinations were both satisfactory.

The *Mason Alphabet School* is taught by Mrs. M. M. Jones, assisted by Miss M. H. Clarence. It has done well during the year, and the teachers are faithful to their work. The standard attained is not so high as in some of the other schools of the same grade; the situation and condition of the school house both exert an influence in preventing it from reaching the highest point.

The *Dana Primary School* since the last annual report has changed its teacher; Miss A. H. Hill, who had taught it very successfully for more than two years, was, in the spring, promoted to the Dana Middle, and Miss Susan Sparrow, then assistant in the Webster Alphabet, was chosen to fill the vacancy. The school, during the autumn, was so large, as to require an assistant for a few weeks. There is opportunity for improvement in this school, and, though not yet quite up to the mark, it is making progress.

The *Amory Primary School* continues under the charge of Miss Susan Dimond, who is doing all, perhaps, that could be required, considering the very large number of pupils under her charge. The examinations were satisfactory.

The *Harvard Primary School* continues to occupy a high rank. Miss Dodge is faithful and earnest in her work, and her school, at whatever time it may be visited, appears orderly and well taught.

The *Broadway Primary School* continues to be taught by Miss L. C. Bancroft, assisted by Miss M. E. Pear. At both examinations it appeared in fine condition; the order was excellent, and the recitations were prompt and good. Since the last report, there has been a decided improvement in this school, and it must now be regarded as among the best in the city.

The *Webster Primary School* is under the charge of two sisters, Misses Sarah J. and P. T. Davis. It is a good school, well governed and well taught. Both examinations were satisfactory.

The *Bridge Primary School* continues under the instruction of Miss Jane Dallinger. This is a fair school, though embarrassed somewhat by irregularity of attendance, and the teacher is devoted to her work. The examinations were, as a whole, satisfactory.

The *Webster Middle School* is taught by Miss C. Richardson, assisted by Miss A. E. Hale. At the winter examination, the first class read well; the other classes, not as well. At the summer examination, the reading of the first class was wanting in life and in distinctness of enunciation; the other classes read well. The spelling, defining, and arithmetic were excellent; the other exercises, fair. The teachers labor faithfully, and the school is a good one, though not equal to some others of the same grade.

The *Mason Middle School* is under the care of Miss E. A. Lewis,

assisted by Miss M. E. Sawyer. The teachers deserve commendation for their efforts in promoting the welfare of this school; they have labored diligently, and have accomplished much, in spite of the discordant elements which enter into its composition, and the discomforts of an unpleasant and badly situated school house. Both Committee and teachers have been greatly troubled by the bad conduct of several of the boys, over whom neither kindness nor reproof seemed to have much influence, and who almost set at defiance the strong arm of the law. But, notwithstanding these interruptions to its peace and progress, the school is a good one, and appeared exceedingly well at both examinations.

The *Dana Middle School* sustained a severe loss in the resignation of its former teacher, Miss Sophia Studley, who had had charge of it since its establishment, and had made it a model of its kind. It is greatly to the credit of its present teacher, Miss A. H. Hill, that the school suffered so little from the change. It is still in excellent condition, and all the classes appeared remarkably well at each of the examinations.

The *Harvard Middle School*, under the care of Miss M. A. Gregory assisted by Miss J. A. Russell, has sustained itself well during the year, and is in a satisfactory condition. The spring examination was a fair one. At the examination in July, all the classes, with one partial exception, recited well, and the general appearance of the school was good.

The *Webster Grammar School* is still under the charge of Mr. A. C. Smith, as Master, and of Miss E. K. Brackett and Miss M. E. Rice, as Assistants. There is gratifying evidence of progress in this school. In some departments there is great excellence. The writing is unsurpassed in neatness and elegance by any other school. The order has been good, and the discipline efficient. There are a number of scholars here, whose attendance in the lower schools has been irregular and inconstant. They give sad proof of the loss they have sustained, in their want of interest in their studies, as well as by their imperfect recitations. The evil of such inconstant attendance and indifference of feeling seems to have developed itself to an unusual degree during the year in this school. We speak rather of the results of the past than of present

practice. The examinations were declared to be generally satisfactory, giving evidence of faithful teaching and careful study. The hope was expressed that there might be somewhat more of earnestness and energy manifest in the future. The Committee were gratified to notice a collection of books for consultation on the subjects which might be discussed or studied by the scholars. A school, so delightfully situated, should not stop short of higher excellence than this has yet attained. It is making progress in the right direction.

The *Harvard Grammar School* remains under the charge of Mr. A. B. Magoun, assisted by Miss Helen Clapp and Miss M. M. Damon. This school suffers much inconvenience from the peculiar internal arrangements of the school house. The classes of the Middle school, which are under the care of the assistant, are obliged to pass through the Grammar school-room, and up a long, steep flight of stairs to reach their place of recitation. The lower classes of the Grammar school must ascend the same stairs. The noise and confusion caused by this almost uninterrupted clatter of thick boots on ill-directed feet, impair the order of the school-room. There is a good moral tone among the scholars. In most of the classes a fair amount of spirit and energy is manifest. In some studies the Committee have seen great interest and spirited effort, and the results have been highly satisfactory.

The examinations of this school gave proof of correct teaching and careful study. The recitations were good, and the questions proposed were generally answered with promptness and intelligence. On the whole, the school has maintained its former position. There is always about it an air of ease and freedom on the part of the scholars, and of self-reliant confidence on the part of teachers, which makes it deservedly popular with its constituents. Between Principal and Assistants there is a good understanding, and unitedly they possess a happy combination of qualifications for their work.

*Broadway Grammar School.* Mr. B. W. Roberts continues Master of this school, and Miss Lucretia Clapp, Assistant. The renovation of the school-room has added much to the pleasantness of this school. The teachers and scholars seem to appreciate the change, and are striving to conform to the improved order of things,

in character and effort. The order of the school is good, the instruction is faithful, the improvement steady. The friction of discipline is less than it was several years since. In some departments we have seen great excellence. No finer maps can be found in any school of this grade, than those which have been drawn by some scholars belonging to this. The Committee expressed great satisfaction with the execution of a number of historical charts, and the explanations of them which were given by those who drew them. This exercise cannot fail to be very useful, and should be encouraged when the practice does not interfere with regularly required studies. The examinations presented the school generally in a satisfactory condition. The recitations were prompt, correct, and intelligent, and the failures few. Both teachers are devoted to their work, and are together accomplishing much for the children under their care. Room yet remains for improvement, and we confidently expect that this school will hereafter attain a still higher position, than it now occupies.

## WARD III.

The *Thorndike Alphabet School* is still under the care of Miss M. H. Butler. The pupils seem contented and happy, and learn less by rote than in many of our schools. Both the examinations were good.

*North Alphabet School.* Miss H. T. Clarke, who has deservedly been highly spoken of heretofore, left this school in an excellent condition at the close of the summer term. Her departure was a loss to the city. Miss H. N. McCurdy was appointed to fill the vacancy, and has thus far given entire satisfaction.

The *Putnam Alphabet School* has made good progress during the year. Miss M. E. Hastings is a devoted and successful teacher.

The *Otis Alphabet School* became so large about the first of June, that it was necessary to give the teacher an assistant. Miss B. A. Dustin received the appointment. The scholars have made commendable progress during the year, and the school appeared well at both examinations. Miss Spalding is an excellent teacher, and with her faithful assistant manages the school with efficiency. It now numbers about one hundred and fifty pupils.

The *Eastern Primary School* is taught by Miss E. K. Hyde. The condition of this school has been uniformly excellent throughout the year. The recitations at both examinations were marked for thoroughness, accuracy, and spirit. The reading, particularly, was highly commended. At the summer examination, only one word was misspelled.

The *Putnam Primary School* continues in charge of Miss M. G. Robie. She is a devoted and successful teacher; notwithstanding the large number belonging to the school, it was highly spoken of at both examinations. It now numbers eighty-four pupils.

*Otis Primary School.* Miss Conant resigned her position as teacher at the close of the winter term. By reason of ill health, she had not been able, for several weeks, to bestow that amount of effort upon the school that her sense of duty ever prompted her to, or that was necessary for the proper advancement of her pupils. She was succeeded by Miss Abby Stewart, of whose faithfulness and ability we have already had good proof.

The *Putnam Middle School* has been in an excellent condition throughout the year. Miss West is a faithful and energetic teacher, and succeeds well in imparting to her pupils much of her own activity and zeal. The Committee were highly pleased with the school at the semi-annual examinations.

*Thorndike Middle School.* Miss Jewett possesses ample ability and has labored with persevering interest to make her school all that its friends could wish, but has not been entirely successful, by reason of the great irregularity of attendance of a large portion of its scholars. The Committee are confident, that if parents fully realized the extent of this evil, they would not permit their children to remain at home for slight causes. At the examination in March, the school was in a creditable condition. In August, there was a lack of animation and distinctness in the reading. In other respects, the school appeared well.

*Otis Middle School.* The order of this school has been uniformly good. During the first few months of the year, the scholars made good improvement, and their appearance at the close of the winter term, gave evidence of careful and faithful teaching. Soon after

the commencement of the summer term, a number of pupils left, and their places were filled by those who had never attended our Alphabet and Primary schools, and who were poorly qualified for a Middle school. To this, in part at least, may be attributed the unsatisfactory state of the school at the August examination. Since the commencement of the present term, it has received a new impetus, and is now doing well. Miss Henshaw continues its teacher.

The *Otis Grammar School* continued under the sole charge of Mr. A. K. Noble till the commencement of the summer term, when the number of grammar scholars having considerably increased, it was thought proper to give him an assistant. Miss M. A. Mansfield received the appointment, but, contrary to our wishes, left at the close of the term. Miss Kenney succeeded her, and has thus far given entire satisfaction, both in her manner of teaching and in discipline.

The examination in February was not in all respects as good as the friends of the school could desire. There was a want of life and animation in the exercises generally. The recitations in geography indicated a thorough acquaintance with the parts studied, but the answers were given so rapidly, that in some cases it was difficult to understand them. In reading, several acquitted themselves well, while others were deficient in pronunciation, accent, animation, emphasis, and a comprehension of the subject. The class in history appeared extremely well. The recitation of the first class in arithmetic was prompt and accurate; in that of the second, there was only one failure. The class in grammar did well. The spelling was not so good as it should have been; the defining was satisfactory. The writing books were generally commendably neat; a few showed carelessness, and attempts at flourishing that were not very successful.

At the examination in August, the school, with the exception of one class, appeared well, and gave evidence of having received thorough instruction. The earnest and faithful efforts of Mr. Noble and his assistant have done much towards raising the school to that comparative degree of excellence, which is confidently hoped for.

During the summer vacation, the partition between the main room

and the recitation room was taken down, and so replaced as to render the latter much more comfortable and commodious. The main room was supplied with new furniture, much to the convenience of pupils and teachers.

The *Putnam Grammar School* firmly maintains the high character it has so long enjoyed. Mr. Cogswell and Miss Burnham continue faithful and persevering in their labors, and deserve the entire confidence of parents and Committee. The school suffered a great loss, in the month of April, by the resignation of Miss M. A. Smith. Miss O. L. Olmstead was appointed to fill the vacancy, but, to our great disappointment, was obliged, by reason of ill health, to tender her resignation at the close of the summer term. Soon after the commencement of the present term, Miss Holt entered the school as her successor, and has already gained the affection of her scholars, and given good proof of possessing rare ability and tact.

The examination in February was highly satisfactory. The recitations in arithmetic were excellent. Principles were explained and problems solved, without a failure. The first class in history answered with such promptness and accuracy, as to show that the lessons had been learned, and not merely remembered. In grammar and geography, this class gave evidence of having received thorough and skilful instruction. The fifth class in geography also recited promptly and understandingly. The spelling and defining of the first class was good; of the fourth, perfect. The reading of the first class was excellent. In the third, there was a want of animation and expression. The sixth class read well. The writing books were remarkably neat. The music was excellent. The few specimens of maps presented were well drawn, and gave evidence of care and improvement. The order was all that could be desired.

The August examination was equally good. The exercise in grammar was perfect. The classes in arithmetic gave abundant proof of their ability to solve problems, and of the thorough manner in which they had been instructed in the principles. The recitations in geography were highly commendable. The reading of the first class was generally correct, but not sufficiently

distinct and animated to be heard with ease across the school-room. The reading of the third class was worthy of praise. In spelling and defining the classes appeared well.

## MUSIC.

With respect to the music in our schools, a few words ought to be said. The great object which the Committee originally had in introducing this branch of study, is, we think, fully realized by the efforts of the present accomplished instructor, Mr. Lincoln; and no one, it is believed, now questions the wisdom of this measure, or would consent for a moment to the exclusion of this part of our common school education. Mr. Lincoln is all that can be desired as a teacher of music; and his diligence in the discharge of his duty, since he has been connected with the schools, has been highly praiseworthy. At the annual examination, the singing in all the schools was peculiarly excellent, and drew forth the encomiums, not only of the Committee, but of all who heard it. We wish for nothing more with regard to this branch, than that all our children may faithfully avail themselves of the advantages they now enjoy under the tuition of a master who feels so deep an interest in their progress, and is so well qualified to aid them in their efforts to become accomplished singers.

## HIGH SCHOOL.

The Committee report that the High School is in a prosperous condition and is making good progress. At no previous period in its history have the facilities for instruction been so great as at the present time. Besides the master, there are two male and three female assistants, all of whom are interested in their work, and labor in it faithfully and zealously. Each pupil is thus enabled to receive as much special assistance and instruction as can reasonably be expected in a school of this kind. The course sf study remains essentially as it was two years ago. Slight alterations have been made, such as circumstances or an enlarged experience seemed to require; but these have been few in number and not of material consequence. The question has been raised whether the time required to complete the classical course cannot be shortened. Many

persons consider five years a long period to devote to fitting a boy for college, after he has graduated from the grammar school. The present arrangement, however, is intended specially for those who enter the school young, and have ample time for a thorough preparatory training; by omitting some of the studies not required for admission to college, the course may be completed in four years. Some parents prefer that their children should remain in the school for the longer, others for the shorter, period; and as there is a great difference in the ages of the pupils, it is perhaps well that this liberty of choice should be allowed. A thorough preparation for college cannot be too strongly insisted on. Few persons can realize, unless they have learned the lesson by sad experience, how many precious hours are wasted, and how many golden opportunities are lost by those who enter upon a collegiate education too young to appreciate the privileges they enjoy, as well as by those, who, from want of previous study and mental discipline, are unable to make the best use of those privileges. Our school seems at present to possess all the means necessary to secure to its pupils a thorough preparation for the university; and if sufficient time be allowed to the teachers to carry into effect their plans of instruction, it will be their fault if there is any failure in this respect.

The Committee in their selection of teachers have endeavored to secure the best talent in the profession, and when they have succeeded in procuring good teachers, they have done all in their power to retain them; and in order to effect this, they have found it necessary in some instances to increase the salaries. At a time, when persons well qualified to instruct in the higher branches of learning are by no means numerous, it is very bad policy to make our High School an institution to educate teachers for the benefit of neighboring cities and towns. Cambridge cannot afford to adopt any such course. While using as heretofore her best endeavors to provide good schools for her own children, she must not be expected in addition to furnish the means of instruction for her neighbors. The Committee have no desire to conceal the fact that it requires a large sum of money to carry on the High School, and that very possibly a still larger sum will hereafter be required.

If we desire a good thing we must pay the cost. Teachers could be hired by the hundred for half the money we are now paying; but the services of such persons would be dear at any price. All extravagance should be avoided; but it would be poor economy to lose the services of a good teacher rather than to add a few dollars to his salary.

At the close of the summer term, Mr. Barrett, the sub-master, resigned his office, and Mr. Solon Albee, formerly Tutor in Middlebury College, was chosen in his place. Mr. Albee is a good scholar, and is devoted to his work, and, although he has not yet overcome all the difficulties incident to his new position, will, it is presumed, eventually become a successful teacher. Of the other teachers it is unnecessary to speak separately; they have, all of them, the confidence of the Committee, and are laboring earnestly to promote the best interests of the pupils committed to their charge.

There have been two public examinations during the year; the first was in May, the second in November. They were conducted in the same manner as has been described in former Reports, and the results were made known to the school at the close of the exercises. Much inconvenience is experienced on these occasions from want of room. Nearly all the available space in the school house is required for the accommodation of the pupils themselves; accordingly visitors must submit to being crowded and jostled in a most uncomfortable manner, while, at the same time, the order and discipline of the school are seriously impaired. A large hall, connected with the school house, for general exercises and for public occasions, is greatly needed, and will, it is hoped, at no very distant day be provided.

The spring examination was a very good one, and was attended by a large audience. It is impossible in a single day to examine all the classes in all the studies, which are embraced in the course; but as many recitations were heard as the time allowed. The examination was conducted in part by the Committee, and in part by the teachers. This is probably the best method of ascertaining the progress made by the several classes. If the Committee do the whole work, many subjects which perhaps have received special attention, will pass unnoticed, and thus great injustice may be done.

Much may be learned, too, from noticing the manner in which a teacher conducts a recitation, and the relation which exists between teacher and scholar. On the contrary, if everything is left to the instructors, there is danger that in time examinations may degenerate into mere exhibitions, very pleasing, perhaps, but practically of very little use.

The results of the examination in November will be given in detail. The Committee would here express their indebtedness to Professor Felton and Professor Peirce, each of whom examined a class, for their valuable assistance.

## SEMI-ANNUAL EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER, 1855.

*Schedule of Exercises.*

| CLASS. | TEACHER. |
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| Virgil, (College,) | Mr. Smith. |
| Trigonometry, (Senior,) | Miss Peirce. |
| Latin Reader, (Middle,) | Mr. Potter. |
| Latin Lessons, (Junior,) | Mr. Albee. |
| Rhetoric, (Ex-Senior,) | Mr. Smith. |
| Geometry, (Middle,) | Miss Peirce. |
| Book-keeping, (Senior,) | Miss Peirce. |
| Algebra, (Junior,) | Miss Kittredge. |
| Scott, (Junior,) | Miss Peirce. |
| Music, | Mr. Lincoln. |

*College Class — Virgil.* This class was presented for examination on the last six books of the Æneid. The names of the scholars and the passages of the author were selected wholly at random. Each member of the class was called upon to give an analysis of one of the books. This was done in every case with great promptness and accuracy. Then each scholar was required to read, translate, and explain a passage. A few mistakes were made in pronunciation, and some slight errors in translation; but these were generally corrected by the scholars themselves, when their attention was called to the points in question. In the analysis, the class were all entitled to the highest mark; and, as a whole, the exercise was very satisfactory.

*Senior Class — Trigonometry.* This class had studied Plane Trigonometry in Davies's Legendre, and were examined by written questions, selected by chance for each student. The general appearance of the class was so good as to prove that they had been well instructed, and their analyses exhibited a thoroughly logical training.

*Middle Class — Latin Reader.* This class was examined on that part of the Reader to which they had given attention during the term, embracing Mythology, and the First Book of Roman History. There were only a few errors in the recitation. The class gave evidence of careful training, and of having given good attention to the instruction they had received.

*Junior Class — Latin Lessons.* The recitation was a very good one. The lessons appeared to have been well learned; simple English sentences were readily translated, both orally and on the blackboard, into Latin; and so far as the examiner could judge, from an examination of half an hour, a good beginning had been made in the study of Latin.

*Ex-Senior Class — Rhetoric.* Presented for examination upon the first twelve lectures of Blair's Rhetoric. This class recited admirably. An analysis was given by each scholar of one of the lectures; general questions were asked promiscuously on the portion studied, and were answered readily and intelligently.

*Middle Class — Geometry.* Examined on the first book of Davies's Legendre. Each pupil was questioned upon the principles of the science, and to each was given a problem to be demonstrated on the blackboard. All the questions were promptly and correctly answered, and so far as time permitted the problems were, with one slight exception, correctly solved. The recitation was an excellent one.

*Senior Class — Book-keeping.* Presented for examination upon the first set of books in Hitchcock's Book-keeping by Double Entry. Each pupil had prepared, in addition to the Leger and Journal, a "Monthly Proof Sheet," with "Trial Balance" "Profit and Loss" and "Balance" sheets. The class appeared remarkably well, giving evidence of thorough and careful instruction. The specimen sheets presented for examination were neatly executed and accurate.

*Junior Class — Algebra.* Had studied the first thirteen sections of Sherwin's Algebra. The questions given, with two exceptions, were correctly answered, and all the problems were correctly solved. The class appear to have a good knowledge of the first principles of Algebra.

*Junior Class — Scott.* This class had read the first two Cantos of the "Lay of the Last Minstrel," and had committed a portion of it to memory. This exercise was a very interesting one. The reading was good, and several read very finely. The questions concerning the author of the Poem and upon the text, were generally answered correctly.

*Composition.* Compositions were presented by all the classes. As many were read as the time allowed. They were generally carefully written, and were very creditable performances.

*Music.* The music was very good, especially when it is borne in mind that a new class entered only three months previously, and that the school consequently had had only half the usual training.

The number admitted at the annual examination in July was seventy-five. The candidates were examined by printed questions, and seventy per cent. of correct answers was required for admission. The Committee believe the interests of the school will be promoted by making this per centage still higher at subsequent examinations. Many scholars gain admittance each year who should have remained longer in the grammar schools. If the questions be judiciously selected, there can be nothing unreasonable in requiring correct answers to at least three out of four.

The following table shows the number of applicants for admission at the examination in July; their average ages; the schools from which they came; and the per centage of correct answers of all who were examined: —

| School. | Average Age. | Number of Applicants. | Per cent. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Shepard Grammar, | 14 10 | 3 | 89.50 |
| Washington " | 14 6 | 12 | 86.80 |
| Broadway " | 14 3 | 5 | 84.30 |
| Putnam " | 14 1 | 9 | 84.09 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| Harvard | Grammar | 14 | 6 | 18 | 82.80 |
| Webster | " | 14 | 7 | 18 | 78.05 |
| Otis | " | 14 | 3 | 7 | 77.86 |
| Other Schools, | | 14 | 6 | 14 | 62.93 |

At the annual exhibition, which took place at the Athenæum Hall on Friday, July 27, diplomas were awarded to the following pupils, who had completed the prescribed course of study: —

*Classical Course.*

Alfred Otis Delano,
Daniel Swan Preston,
Henry Stephen Mackintosh,
Eliab Wight Metcalf,
Charles Joyce White,
Albert Stickney,

Mary Elizabeth Buck,
Sarah Aspasia Burnham,
Esther Jane Loughrey.

*English Course.*

Josiah Kilburn Burrage,
Ambrose Stacy Courtis,
Christopher Columbus Cavanagh,
Josiah Wilson Chamberlain,
Edward Doubleday Harris,
Edward Morton Hastings,
Francis Marshall Holmes,
Charles Chauncey Parsons,
Olynthus Brigham Stone,
Albert Stickney,
Abiel Abbot Vaughan,
Allan Thatcher Waterman,
James Alvord Wells.

Caroline Anne Allcott,
Helen Maria Baldwin,
Mary Frances Baxter,
Anne Maria Bigelow,
Sarah Louisa Binney,
Hannah Catherine Courtis,
Mary Louisa Davis,
Lucy Ann Draper,
Abbie Marion Harding,
Sephora Harris,
Grace Harriet Haskell,
Martha Jane Hayes,
Ann Johnston,
Martha Ann Martin,
Sarah Downing Mitchell,
Frances Owen,
Frances Ellen Pendexter,
Mary Ann Brower Sawyer,
Harriet Frances W. Sweetser,
Mary Ann Sproule,
Emily Phelps Warland,
Seraphina Homer Whitney,
Harriet Wilmarth Willard.

Some important additions have been made during the year to the library. The whole amount expended on books has been $312.00. Of this sum $200.00 were derived from the Hopkins' fund, and the remainder, $112.00, from the proceeds of the lectures delivered by Professor Agassiz in the autumn of 1850. The proceeds of these lectures were $175.50. This sum on interest had amounted, on the first of June, 1854, to $212.00. One hundred dollars of

this amount still remain unexpended and on interest, in accordance with the wishes of Prof. Agassiz, for the purpose of laying the foundation for a cabinet of Natural History, should the school ever have the means of accommodating one. The following books have been purchased : —

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|---|---|
| Lemaire's Latin Classics, 142 vols., 8vo. | $195.00 |
| Grote's Greece, vols. 9 and 10, 8vo. | 5.00 |
| Imperial Gazetteer, 2 vols. royal 8vo. | 20.00 |
| Spruner's Atlas, 1 vol., 4to. | 22.50 |
| Iconographic Encyclopædia, | 34.30 |
| Encyclopædia Brittanica, 8 vols. 4to. | 35.20 |
| | $312.00 |

In speaking of the examinations, allusion was made to the inconvenience which is experienced from the want of a large hall for public occasions. The Committee feel it their duty to add, that the school house itself is not well adapted to the purposes for which it is used. The house is not large enough, and the arrangement of the rooms is not good. The recitation rooms in the upper story are too small, and the seats, being huddled closely together, are very uncomfortable. At the present time, classes of more than thirty scholars are obliged to recite in them daily. Not half this number can have space to work at the blackboard. The sub-master's room in the lower story must necessarily be a thoroughfare during a portion of school hours ; and there is, consequently, difficulty in maintaining a high degree of order. The apparatus cannot be used with advantage for want of space. There is not room in the entries for the scholars' outer garments, and the basements are in such a condition during a part of the year as to render them useless. There is no convenient room for declamation nor for singing. The confusion on examination days must be apparent to all spectators. The house was badly built originally, and is continually leaking ; and the skill of many carpenters has been exercised in vain attempts to stop permanently these leakages.

The fact should not be overlooked, that the wants of a High School are different from those of a Grammar School. The scholars in the former are more mature, and are pursuing studies of a higher

character than in the latter, and more space is required for their accommodation. But, according to our present arrangements, a scholar, who leaves the Grammar School and goes to the High School, instead of having more space to move in, actually has less, and in many cases really suffers from the constrained position he is forced to occupy.

The demands upon the city during the past few years for new school houses, have been great; it is but simple justice to add, that these demands have been met promptly and liberally. Whenever it has been clearly demonstrated that a school house was needed, a school house has been built. The Committee have deemed it their duty to present the above facts with regard to the building now occupied by the High School, for the consideration of their fellow citizens; and having done this, they leave the whole matter in the hands of the City Council, with the simple request, that the facts they have stated may receive the attention which they deserve, and with entire confidence that such measures will be adopted as shall best promote the true interests of the city, and the great cause of public school instruction.

Z. L. RAYMOND, *Chairman ex-officio.*

J. A. ALBRO,
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J. W. PARKER,
C. A. SKINNER,
W. W. WELLINGTON,
C. L. McCURDY,
J. B. TAYLOR,
} *School Committee.*

## TABULAR VIEW OF THE SCHOOLS OF CAMBRIDGE, AT THE END OF THE YEAR 1855.

| NAME OF SCHOOL. | LOCATION. | TEACHERS. | SALARY. | Average Number, Summer Term. | Average Number, Winter Term. | Average Number for the year. | Average Attendance, Summer Term. | Average Attendance, Winter Term. | Average Attendance for the year. | Per cent. Attendance, Summer Term. | Per cent. Attendance, Winter Term. | Per cent. Attendance for the year. | Not Absent or Tardy for the year. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| High School, | Amory Street, | Mr. Elbridge Smith, | $1,800 | 132 | 165 | 148 | 126 | 156 | 141 | 96 | 95 | 95 | 19 |
| | | " Wm. J. Potter, | 1,000 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | " Solon Albee, | 800 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Miss F. L. E. Hastings, | 500 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | " M. F. Peirce, | 400 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | " M. E. Kittredge, | 250 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Washington Grammar, | Brattle Street, | Mr. Daniel Mansfield, | 1,200 | 133 | 140 | 137 | 128 | 135 | 132 | 96 | 96 | 96 | 11 |
| | | Miss S. E. Wiggin, | 325 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | " R. C. Haskell, | 325 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Shepard " | North Avenue, | N. W. Metcalf, | 1,000 | 52 | 49 | 51 | 49 | 48 | 48 | 96 | 96 | 96 | 0 |
| Harvard " | Harvard Street, | Mr. A. B. Magoun, | 1,200 | 128 | 135 | 132 | 122 | 130 | 126 | 96 | 96 | 96 | 5 |
| | | Miss Helen Clapp, | 325 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | " M. M. Damon, | 325 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Webster, " | Webster Street, | Mr. A. C. Smith, | 1,200 | 131 | 135 | 133 | 123 | 129 | 126 | 93 | 97 | 95 | 16 |
| | | Miss E. K. Brackett, | 325 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | " M. E. Rice, | 325 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Broadway " | Broadway, | Mr. B. W. Roberts, | 1,200 | 78 | 92 | 85 | 75 | 89 | 82 | 95 | 96 | 96 | 2 |
| | | Miss Lucretia Clapp, | 325 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Putnam " | South Fourth Street, | Mr. Francis Cogswell, | 1,100 | 115 | 115 | 115 | 108 | 109 | 108 | 93 | 95 | 94 | 6 |
| | | Miss S. M. Burnham, | 325 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | " H. W. Holt, | 300 | | 78 | | | | | | | | |
| Otis, " | Otis Street, | Mr. N. K. Noble, | 1,200 | 78 | | 78 | 73 | 75 | 74 | 94 | 95 | 95 | 4 |
| | | Miss M. J. Kenney, | 300 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Washington Middle, | Brattle Street, | " A. M. Ireson, | 325 | 94 | 86 | 90 | 88 | 81 | 85 | 95 | 94 | 95 | 0 |
| | | " C. E. Metcalf, | 225 | | | | | | | | | | |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Shepard | " | North Avenue, | Miss C. E. Downes, | 325 | 48 | 53 | 51 | 43 | 49 | 46 | 89 | 92 | 91 | 1 |
| Dana | " | Centre Street, | " A. H. Hill, | 325 | 60 | 48 | 52 | 56 | 44 | 50 | 92 | 91 | 92 | 0 |
| Webster | " | Webster " | " C. Richardson, | 325 | 84 | 100 | 92 | 79 | 95 | 87 | 95 | 95 | 95 | 6 |
| | | | " A. E. Hale, | 225 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Harvard | " | Harvard " | " M. A. Gregory, | 325 | 88 | 85 | 86 | 80 | 84 | 82 | 90 | 94 | 92 | 1 |
| | | | " J. A. Russell, | 225 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mason | " | State " | " E. A. Lewis, | 325 | 103 | 95 | 99 | 94 | 88 | 91 | 90 | 92 | 91 | 0 |
| | | | " M. E. Sawyer, | 225 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Putnam | " | South Fourth Street, | " E. A. West, | 325 | 65 | 60 | 63 | 61 | 57 | 59 | 93 | 95 | 94 | 12 |
| Thorndike | " | Thorndike " | " Mary E. Jewett, | 325 | 57 | 53 | 55 | 54 | 49 | 51 | 90 | 87 | 88 | 2 |
| Otis | " | Otis " | " S. C. Henshaw, | 325 | 49 | 49 | 49 | 46 | 48 | 47 | 94 | 95 | 95 | 6 |
| Washington Primary, | | Brattle " | " M. S. Gould, | 300 | 88 | 80 | 84 | 78 | 73 | 76 | 92 | 94 | 93 | 0 |
| | | | " H. M. Miller, | 175 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Winthrop | " | North Avenue, | " Rutharin Bates, | 300 | 46 | 44 | 45 | 42 | 39 | 41 | 91 | 90 | 91 | 1 |
| Harvard | " | Harvard Street, | " H. A. Dodge, | 300 | 54 | 55 | 55 | 51 | 53 | 52 | 95 | 96 | 95 | 0 |
| Broadway | " | Broadway, | " L. C. Bancroft, | 300 | 103 | 108 | 105 | 93 | 100 | 96 | 90 | 92 | 91 | 1 |
| | | | " M. E. Pear, | 175 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Webster | " | Webster Street, | " S. J. Davis, | 300 | 104 | 91 | 98 | 99 | 86 | 93 | 95 | 94 | 95 | 0 |
| | | | " P. T. Davis, | 175 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dana | " | Centre " | " Susan Sparrow, | 275 | 72 | 78 | 75 | 61 | 71 | 66 | 85 | 91 | 88 | 0 |
| Bridge | " | Pioneer " | " Jane Dallinger, | 300 | 54 | 56 | 55 | 48 | 49 | 48 | 86 | 93 | 89 | 0 |
| Amory | " | Amory " | " S. Dimond, | 300 | 80 | 74 | 77 | 69 | 66 | 67 | 86 | 89 | 87 | 0 |
| Putnam | " | So. Fourth " | " M. G. Robie, | 300 | 74 | 79 | 76 | 67 | 73 | 70 | 89 | 91 | 90 | 6 |
| Eastern | " | " " " | " E. R. Hyde, | 300 | 66 | 74 | 70 | 61 | 68 | 65 | 92 | 92 | 92 | 6 |
| Otis | " | Otis " | " Abbie Stewart, | 300 | 63 | 63 | 63 | 56 | 59 | 58 | 90 | 92 | 91 | 4 |
| Washington Alphabet, | | Brattle " | " Eliza Gould, | 300 | 107 | 103 | 105 | 99 | 95 | 97 | 93 | 90 | 92 | 0 |
| | | | " M. S. Thayer, | 175 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Winthrop | " | North Avenue, | " A. E. Boynton, | 300 | 72 | 73 | 73 | 57 | 57 | 57 | 79 | 78 | 79 | 0 |
| Webster | " | Webster " | " M. A. Tarbell, | 300 | 112 | 121 | 116 | 94 | 109 | 101 | 85 | 91 | 88 | 1 |
| | | | " Sarah Kelley, | 150 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mason | " | State " | Mrs. M. M. Jones, | 300 | 130 | 129 | 129 | 117 | 116 | 117 | 90 | 89 | 90 | 4 |
| | | | Miss M. H. Clarence, | 175 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Boardman | " | School " | " Ann Lewis, | 300 | 78 | 85 | 81 | 72 | 80 | 76 | 92 | 92 | 92 | 0 |
| Putnam | " | So. Fourth " | " M. E. Hastings, | 300 | 78 | 76 | 77 | 69 | 70 | 70 | 88 | 91 | 90 | 1 |
| Otis | " | " " " | " E. R. Spalding, | 300 | 109 | 1 1 | 125 | 95 | 123 | 109 | 88 | 89 | 89 | 6 |
| | | | " B. A. Dustin, | 150 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Thorndike | " | Thorndike " | " M. H. Butler, | 300 | 90 | 76 | 83 | 79 | 68 | 74 | 88 | 89 | 89 | 2 |
| North * | " | North Third " | " H. N. McCurdy, | 275 | 86 | 90 | 88 | 70 | 78 | 74 | 86 | 88 | 89 | 3 |
| Music | | Teacher, | Mr. Nathan Lincoln, | 800 | | | | | | | | | | |

* In the change of teachers made in this school, the Register was lost or mislaid, and the figures attached only represent the approximate.

## SUMMARY OF THE SCHOOLS OF THE DIFFERENT GRADES.

| | Number of Schools. | Number of Teachers. | Cost of Instruction. | Average No of Scholars. | Cost per Scholar. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| High School, | 1 | 6 | 4,750.00 | 148 | 32.09 |
| Grammar Schools, | 7 | 17 | 11,300.00 | 731 | 15.46 |
| Middle " | 9 | 13 | 3,825.00 | 637 | 6.00 |
| Primary " | 11 | 14 | 3,800.00 | 803 | 4.73 |
| Alphabet " | 9 | 13 | 3,325.00 | 877 | 3.79 |
| Music | | 1 | 800.00 | | |
| Salary of School Committee. | | | 527.50 | | |
| Total, | 37 | 64 | $28,327.50 | 3196 | $8.86 |

## SUMMARY OF THE SCHOOLS IN THE SEVERAL WARDS.

| | Numher of Schools. | Number of Teachers. | Cost of Instruction. | Average No. of Scholars. | Cost per Scholar. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| High School, | 1 | 6 | 4,750.00 | 148 | 32.09 |
| Ward I. | 8 | 13 | 5,275.00 | 636 | 8,29 |
| " II. | 16 | 28 | 10,550.00 | 1470 | 7,18 |
| " III. | 12 | 16 | 6,425.00 | 942 | 6,82 |
| Music, | | 1 | 800.00 | | |
| Salary of School Committee, | | | 527.50 | | |
| Total, | 37 | 64 | $28,327.50 | 3196 | $8.86 |

# CAMBRIDGE CITY GOVERNMENT.

## FOR 1856.

### MAYOR.

JOHN SARGENT.

### ALDERMEN.

Isaac Cutler,
Edward T. Whitney,
George W. Fifield,
John B. Cook,
Isaac Davis,
George H. Davies.

### COMMON COUNCIL.

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*Ward One.*

George S. Saunders,
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A. K. P. Welch,
George G. Rice.

*Ward Two.*

Levi Jennings,
Benjamin F. Nourse,
William W. Bullock,
James G. Hovey,
Thomas G. Rice,
George T. Gale,
Curtis Davis,
Hervey Davis,
William Page.

*Ward Three.*

Augustus P. Griffing,
M. C. Kenny,
John H. Fellows,
Ezra Riply,
A. H. Stevens, Jr.
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### CITY CLERK,

HENRY THAYER.

### CITY TREASURER AND COLLECTOR,

JOSEPH A. HOLMES.

### SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The Mayor, *ex-officio*, *Chairman.*

Ward I. — Francis Bowen, J. R. Morse.
" II. — W. W. Wellington, Charles A. Skinner, William P. Page.
" III. — Moses Clarke, F. W. Holland.

### OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

Ward I. — Walter M. Allen, C. R. Metcalf.
" II. — Belcher Hancock, Lloyd Crossman.
" III. — William Hunnewell, Henry A. Arnold

### ASSESSORS.

Ward I. — George Coolidge. Ward II. — Josiah W. Cook. Ward III. — A. H. Stevens.

### CITY MARSHAL,

SAMUEL W. RICHARDSON.